

after being trapped for 58 hours. The event had people from around the glued to their televisions.

October 16, 1987

Food 4 Thought

"The contest for ages has been to rescue liberty from the grasp of executive power." - Daniel Webster

The Month Ahead

FINAL PERFORMANCES

Doubt: A Parable, Tony-winning play by John Patrick Shanley will have its final three performances this weekend at Chemeketa Community College Auditorium, Bldg. 6. Shows at 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday, Oct 17, 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Oct. 18. Tickets are \$12, available at the door. keizerhomegrowntheatre.org.

Friday, October 16

An Evening with Edgar Allen Poe, 7 p.m. at Deepwood Estate. Tickets are \$15 regular, \$12 members. Seating is very limited. historicdeepwoodestate.org

Sunday, October 18

Lunch/dance at Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center, corner of Cherry Ave. and Plymouth Drive. Lasagna meal served at 12:30 p.m, dancing to Crossfire follows. Tickets are \$13, \$11 in advance. 503-390-7441.

Monday, October 19

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

Tuesday, October 20

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

Thursday, October 22

First Anniversary Soiree at The Arbor at Avamere Court, 450 Claggett Ct. N., 5-7 p.m. It will feature a glitz and glamour theme of the 1920s and 30s to reflect the lives of the facilities residents. Spirits and appetizers will be served. Come dressed in period costume. 503-383-6084.

Saturday, October 24

Bowser's Boo Bash, the Willamette Humane Society's annual costume party, dinner and auction benefiting animals, will be held at Salem Convention Center from 5 to 9 p.m. Advance tickets are \$60, \$75 after Oct. 16. info@ whs4pets.org.

In My Life: a musical theatre tribute to The Beatles, 7:30 p.m. at the Elsinore Theatre. Tickets begin at \$35. www. elsinoretheatre.com

Saturday, October 24 – Sunday, October 25 Clackamette's 51st Annual Gem & Mineral Show Saturday

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds in Canby. Free admission. 503-631-3128.

Tuesday, October 27

Keizer Public Arts Commission meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Saturday, October 31

Community Harvest Party-Safe Zone for Kids, 1-3 p.m., Village at Keizer Ridge, 1184 McGee Court NE behind Emerald Pointe Retirement Community. Oregon Dream Ponies, food, music, candy. Free admission. 503-390-1300.

Monday, November 2

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

Tuesday, November 3

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

Friday, November 6

Holiday craft bazaar sponsored by Salem Hospital Auxiliary in Building D on Oak Street. Free parking in hospital garage. Twenty-five vendors. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 503-364-7785.

Sunday, November 8

Thomas Lauderdale plays Gershwin with the Salem Concert Band, 3 p.m. at the Elsinore Theatre. Tickets range from \$25 - \$35. www.elsinoretheatre.com

Monday, November 9 Golden Dragon Acrobats, 7:30 p.m. at the Elsinore Theatre. Tickets range from \$20-\$35. www.elsinoretheatre.com

Transit board member talks of tax

By CRAIG MURPHY Of the Keizertimes

Opposition to the proposed business payroll tax to pay for local transit service has been rather vocal.

But there are those calling for the Salem-Keizer Transit District's 0.21 percent payroll tax on the Nov. 3 ballot to be passed.

Kathy Lincoln from the Salem-Keizer Transit Board of Directors falls into the latter

Lincoln spoke about the measure at the Oct. 8 West Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting. The tax would pay for extended evening bus service, weekend service and free bus passes for area middle school and high school students. The extended service would be phase two of the transit district's Moving Forward plan.

"We haven't had these services here since 2009," Lincoln said. "There is (currently) no service from 9 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Monday. We have almost 200,000 people in the area. We need a bus service to at least bring us up to the service in Corvallis and Tillamook. Eugene-Springfield has an amazing service. More transit services allows for a larger labor pool, brings people downtown and allows more people to attend events on the weekend. It's

an essential public service anymore."

Lincoln, who ran unopposed for a transit seat in the spring, noted the transit district had levies fail in 2006 and 2008. That led to a question this year: adding to property taxes or a payroll tax. The transit district had a survey done to get feed-

"We found overwhelming support for using the payroll tax, which hasn't been popular with a lot of people," Lincoln said.

Both the Salem and Keizer Chambers of Commerce have been running organized campaigns against the proposed tax, claiming it's unfair.

Lincoln said there are about 5,600 businesses in the area, with a median annual income of \$80,000. The tax would equate to \$169 a year on an \$80,000 payroll. The tax could be increased up to .002 percent a year, meaning it could be .23 percent after one year and so

"More service would start in 2016 but we would not collect the tax until 2017," Lincoln said. "We don't have any intentions on raising it in the future. Payroll is going up, but transit will attract new business to the area. Hopefully those things will work together so there's no need for the higher tax. The

possibilities of rate increases are pretty slim in the foreseeable future."

Lincoln noted the property tax brings in about \$10 million a year, while the .6 percent tax on wages for state employees brings in more than \$5 million.

"Oregon state pays more (in percentage) than we're asking with this tax," Lincoln said. "This would be on privately owned businesses and the selfemployed. It would also be on hospitals. Hospitals are not paying for transit services now, but they are heavy users of transit."

Lincoln pointed to the Lane Transit District in the Eugene-Springfield area as a model ex-

"That is a successful system, with a .7 percent payroll tax," she said. "They have solid business support. It's such a good system, they get a lot of federal money. We don't get that (federal money), since we have a little podunk service. It's an essential service. We need an expanded transit system in Salem-

According to Lincoln the payroll tax was seen as the best way to expand the system.

"The payroll tax is the only option we really had," said Lincoln, who joined the transit board after the decision had already been made. "Businesses feel upset, but they stand to

benefit because of more shoppers and labor pool. A healthy transit system attracts young people to live in the area. I know there is a lot of public support for this."

Nate Brown, the director of Community Development for Keizer, on hand for another presentation, disagreed with an audience member's assessment of the current system being sufficient.

"The system is not fine," Brown said. "My first reaction to the payroll tax option was holy mackerel, that's a tough way to go. But we constantly deal with transportation issues. We've got to find a way to have a decent public transit system. I wish there were better answers and that the state had a better system. The system is not fine the way it is."

Gary Blake asked why the system needs to be expanded via the payroll tax.

"Where does personal responsibility come in?" Blake asked. "This is putting the responsibility on businesses."

Lincoln said not having bus service on the weekend would be equivalent to being in a wheelchair on a 12th floor apartment and having the elevator turned off for the weekend at 9 p.m. Friday.

"It's an enormous problem,"

SKSB elects budget committee

By HERB SWETT For the Keizertimes

Two of five candidates, one an incumbent, were elected to the budget committee of the Salem-Keizer School District by the Salem-Keizer School Board on Tuesday.

Each position is for three years, to end June 30, 2018. The incumbent is Mark Bateman of Salem, who has two children in the school system and has been chair of the Sherwood city budget committee. The other is Marcia Atkinson of Salem, who has served two terms on the Portland Community College board of directors and taught business classes at PCC.

One of the other three candidates was Michael Elliott of Keizer, who is state school fund coordinator for the Oregon Department of Education and has a daughter who is about to enter the school system. The others were Kyle Carl-

The Keizer City Council

will hold a public hearing on

Monday, Oct. 19 to consider

a liquor license application

and change of ownership

for Salsa Rica Restaurant,

located at 3844 River Road

N in Keizer. The hearing will

take place at 7 p.m. in coun-

cil chambers at Keizer Civic

Center, 930 Chemawa Road

hearing on Oct. 19 for a new

liquor license application for

Council will hold another

ton of Salem, an underwriter for the State Accident Insurance Fund, who has a daughter in kindergarten in the school system, and David Gulliver of Salem, who works for the Oregon Department of Human Services in the self-sufficiency programs for Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties.

Director Chuck Lee of Keizer commented what he called the "high caliber" of all five applicants and urged that the three who were not elected consider applying in the future.

• The board approved its annual proclamation of Hands and Words Are Not for Hurting Week, which will be the week of Oct. 18-24. The proclamation calls for ending all forms of physical and verbal abuse.

• The board discussed a vote, to be held sometime after a Nov. 3 work session on revisions to various board policies. Director Chris Brantley said

public hearings

Pats 1 Cig, located at 4486

River Road N. The applica-

tion is for off-premises liquor

hearing Oct. 19 to consider

a proposed text amendment

to Section 2.203 (permitted

Council will also have a

he will not vote for such a proposal unless it includes a provision for board members to let more public opinion be heard on district matters and one for the board to listen to more experts on school policies.

• Natalie Altermatt of Keizer was one of three audience members who spoke to the board. She complained that not enough science classes were available for students in sixth and seventh grades, including her son. Jerry Thompson of Salem, a director of Salem Area Mass Transit, urged voter approval of a proposed .21 percent business payroll tax to provide extended bus service. Brittany Cronin of Portland, a campaign organizer for Oregon State Public Interest Research Group, spoke in favor of eliminating corporate tax loopholes for offshore op-

Personnel actions approved

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by the board include the following involving the McNary High School attendance area: • Contracts for employment

as temporary full-time teachers of Connie Schroeder, second grade, English for speakers of other languages, Keizer Elementary School; Vanessa Ritz, first grade, Gubser Elementary School; and Lori Lloyd, fifth grade, Clear Lake Elementary School. A contract for employ-

ment as a first-year probation part-time teacher of Christopher Tasner, mathematics, Mc-

local weather

78/51 10/16

upper 70s and lows in the low 50s

Sat 10/17

Light rain in the morning. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper

65/48

Sun 68/50 10/18

Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low

Mon 64/46

10/19 Light rain. Highs in the mid 60s

and lows in the mid 40s.

Tue 68/45 10/20

Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.



Mission Impossible:

Rogue Nation (PG-13) Fri 6:20, 7:55, Sat 6:45, 9:10, Sun 8:10

The Man from U.N.C.L.E. (PG-13)

Pixels (PG-13) Fri 2:40, Sat 2:30, Sun 12:45

Ant Man (PG-13) Fri 11:50, 4:40,

Sat 12:15, Sun 12:20, 2:55, 5:55 No Escape (R)

Fri 8:45, Sat 7:25, 9:25, Sun 6:30 Straight Outta Compton (R)

Vacation (R) Fri 9:15, Sat 7:00, Sun 8:30

Trainwreck (R) Fri 6:55, Sun 5:15 Minions (PG) Fri 12:10, 2:20,

4:20, 6:00, Sat 12:00, 2:55, 3:45, 5:35, Sun 12:00, 2:35, 4:00

Inside Out (PG) Fri 12:40, 2:00, 4:00, Sat 11:00, 12:55, 1:50, 4:45, Sun 1:55, 4:30

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looking back in the KT

5 YEARS AGO

Japanese influence in Keizer area could be recognized by group A project commemorating the Japanese influence in the Keizer area could be on tap.

10 YEARS AGO

Sports center fiscal outlook unveiled Two leading advocates of the Keizer Sports and Community Center last week unveiled more detailed financial projections for the proposed project in North

Keizer.

15 YEARS AGO Woman's body found

in Keizer yard Police are investigating the death of a body found in a Keizer yard by a local resident.

20 YEARS AGO

District battles glitches in fire call dispatching The Keizer Fire District is seeing delays -- an average of almost three minutes -- for 9-1-1 emergency calls to reach

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How many guns do you have in your household?

34%: O **30%:** 10+

18%: 1-3

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