

Twenty-four high-ranking Nazis go on trial in Nuremberg, Germany, for atrocities committed during World War II. - November 20, 1945

Food 4 Thought

"Show me a man who claims he is objective and I'll show you a man with illusions.'

— Henry R. Luce, 20th century publisher

The Month Ahead

Friday, November 20

Oregon Symphony Association in Salem presents Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 27 with pianist Franceso Piemontesi. Also on the program: Concerto for Orchestra, Brahms' Symphony No. 3. orsymphonysalem.org.

Saturday, November 21

Whiteaker Middle School's annual Stuff the Bus food drive. Deliver perishable food to school bus in the Keizer Safeway parking lot, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 21 – Sunday, November 22

Old Fashion Christmas, Jackman-Long Building at Oregon State Fairgrounds. A nostalgic celebration of the holidays. Arts, crafts, antiques, food, live entertainment. Admission is \$4. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. www.centraloregonshows.com.

Sunday, November 22

The Creation, considered Joseph Haydn's greatest work, will be presented by Festival Chorale Oregon, 4 p.m. at the Historic Elsinore Theatre. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors, \$5 for students. festivalchorale.org.

Tuesday, November 24

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

Thursday, November 26

Turkey Dash 5K Fun Run/Walk presented by the Keizer Chamber of Commerce. Registration opens at 7 a.m., race starts at 8 a.m. www.keizerchamber.com.

Friday, November 27

Santa arrives aboard the Carousel Express at Salem's Riverfront Carousel at noon, 101 Front Street NE in Salem. Free event. Sip complimentary hot cocoa while waiting in anticipation for Santa. Additional activities for a charge (photos, face painting, food services). More information www.salemcarousel.org

Friday, November 27 – Sunday, December 13

The 1940s Radio Hour at the Historic Grand Theatre, downtown Salem. Presented by Enlightened Theatrics. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wed-Sat. and 2:30 p.m. matinees on Sundays. Tickets range from \$15-\$20. enlightenedtheatrics.org. 503-585-3427.

Friday, November 27 - Sunday, January 3 Christmas in the Garden at The Oregon Garden, 879

W. Main Street, Silverton. Enjoy ice skating, traditional German Christmas Market with 18 artisan vendors, festive music, taste holiday foods, live reindeer, photos with Santa and walk through 400,000+ Christmas lights in the forest. Admission: \$11 adults, \$5 children, free for children 4 and under. Open 10 a.m. daily. More information at www. oregongarden.org.

Saturday, November 28

Santa Claus arrives by helicopter to Volcanoes Stadium. Noon to 3 p.m. Free photos with Santa.

Tuesday, December 1

Holiday Tree Lighting at Walery Plaza on River Road N, 6 p.m. Two kids' names will be drawn to help Santa flip the tree lights on at 7 p.m. at this free event.

Wednesday, December 2

Artists in Action's annual Something Red Art Walk, Exhibit & Sale, downtown Salem. Art walk held 5-7 p.m. Awards reception at Elsinore Framing and Fine Art Gallery, 444 Ferry St. SE, 7-8 p.m. Something Red exhibition runs through Dec. 31. Visit something red.org for more information.

Thursday, December 3 - Friday, December 4

Christmas in Hudson Hall, 7:30 p.m., Willamette University campus. Tickets are \$10. 503-370-6255.

Friday, December 4

The Trail Band performs traditional music at their annual Salem Holiday performance, 7:30 p.m. at the Elsinore Theatre. Tickets range from \$25.50 - \$40. www. elsinoretheatre.com

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Gahlsdorf stepping down after 18 years

By CRAIG MURPHY Of the Keizertimes

Shortly after the new year starts, Susan Gahlsdorf will finish her transition plan.

Gahlsdorf, Keizer's Finance Director for the last 18 years, confirmed to the Keizertimes this week she is retiring.

"I am leaving after 18 years with the city," Gahlsdorf said on Tuesday. "January 8 will be my last day. I have been working through a transition plan for over a year now, not knowing how all of this would work with all the uncertainties of life. But my family responsibilities continue to grow and it's time for a lifestyle change. I will miss everyone terribly. It has been an honor and privilege working for Keizer."

Tim Wood, Keizer's assistant controller who has worked alongside Gahlsdorf for the last six years, is serving as interim Finance Director.

"Susan is transitioning into retirement,"Wood said. "Susan will be with the city for a couple more months. However, she is stepping back from the daily operations. I am serving as the interim Finance Director until the open recruitment process can be completed."

Wood added he is interested in the job on a full-time

Though one wouldn't know by looking at her, have it paid off early."

Gahlsdorf noted she's been in public service for 34 years. She was previously an auditor for the Oregon Secretary of State. Before that, she worked in the private sector. She has been Finance Director her entire time in Keizer.

Gahlsdorf said there were some projects she pushed hard to see completed before retir-

ing.
"I really wanted to see LID (Local Improvement District) debt situation and make sure the city was on track with its debt service payments with an income stream that would allow it to pay off its debt when due," she said. "Unless something unanticipated happens, the city is now on track with its repayment plan."

According to Gahlsdorf, many city councilors, citizens and other jurisdictions wanted to see the North River Road Urban Renewal District close. That happened at the end of the 2014-15 fiscal year in June, a year earlier than scheduled. All outstanding debts for the district were repaid.

"We also repaid interest bearing taxing jurisdictions the remaining debt owed from the Urban Renewal Ninth Amendment," Gahlsdorf said. "That debt was due in 2021 and it was very gratifying to

Susan Gahlsdorf (far left) is retiring as Keizer's Finance Director but has been training assistant controller Tim Wood (middle)

Gahlsdorf just completed a Request for Proposal process for audit services, which will go to the Keizer City Council in December for approval. She has also been working with Wood for the past year, crosstraining him on her responsibilities.

before she leaves

"I felt it important to implement a transition plan to ensure all critical financial functions work properly and timely," she said.

Gahlsdorf's last task is to prepare the budget document for fiscal year 2016-17, which starts on July 1.

"By January, I will turn it over to staff to prepare their recommended budgets for the upcoming year," she said.

Gahlsdorf has appreciated

the conservative nature of city leadership in regards to finances.

"In my years of service, I believe the city council and budget committee have been fairly conservative and very thoughtful in making the decisions necessary to keep the city in good shape financially," she said."Of course I wish our general fund long-range forecast was stronger. While we're seeing positive trends with new growth and development, health insurance premiums and retirement rate increases take a toll. Our past practice has been to recognize these challenges and make the necessary adjustments and I am

hopeful that will continue go-

Parks district not only funding option

By CRAIG MURPHY Of the Keizertimes

A parks district is just one of the options that will be explored in order to get more money for Keizer's parks.

That was the update given at Monday's Keizer City Council meeting.

As mentioned in last week's Keizertimes, members of the Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board talked with city councilor Marlene Parsons during their Nov. 10 meeting about the idea of starting a local parks district. Like similar setups in Springfield and Bend, such a district would allow funding to be brought in specifically for parks, instead of the general fund where money for other key services such as police comes from.

A local example of such a district is the Keizer Fire Dis-

public hearings

The Keizer City Council will hold a public hearing Monday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. to consider a petition to vacate 688 feet of Ridge Drive NE. The council meeting takes place in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

looking back

in the KT

5 YEARS AGO

City: 'No Hoop'

at Keizer Rapids

Strict zoning won't allow big

developments, officials say. City

staff are seeking to defuse ru-

mors of elaborate basketball

facilities and other high traffic

amenities coming with annexa-

10 YEARS AGO

Chaos in Keizer

Man fires on police officer, homes, crashes truck into

courthouse. Christopher L.

Mills is accused of ditching a car

on River Road and then driv-

ing a 1970s pickup truck into

15 YEARS AGO

Keizer prepares for

Christmas Basket

It's only November, but already

Keizer merchants are signing

on to participate in the annual

Keizer Chamber of Commerce

20 YEARS AGO

State grant could add

teen voice to sex ed

McNary High School students

could begin teaching sexual

abstinence to Whiteaker Middle

School student, if the school

district obtains a state grant for

an innovative new program.

Christmas basket program.

Marion County Courthouse.

tion near Keizer Rapids Park.

districts," Hager said. "We take a very limited amount of money and try to meet all the

Parks Board member J.T.

Hager gave an update during

Monday's council meeting.

"I like parks and recreation needs of Keizer. That's a huge job. We won't have an abundance of money anytime in the future, I don't believe.

"Having said that, I believe parks are a key part of community vitality," he added. "I want to make sure we have stable funding to maintain what we have and for improvements that will benefit people. We are very interested in working with council on the possibility of having a parks and recreation district. It will also relieve some of the stress you go through (in budgeting)."

Hager emphasized this is not an immediate solution, as options have to be vetted.

"We will take our time doing this," Hager said. "It's a long process. We want to look at why and how it works, and how it will be a benefit to us. That is one of the goals we definitely do have, to create a permanent parks and recreation district."

Mayor Cathy Clark sought some clarification.

"Is this something the Parks Board voted on, or is this just one of the options you're exploring?" Clark asked.



talks about a potential parks district to Keizer City Councilors on Nov. 16. KEIZERTIMES/

J.T. Hager

Board member

Craig Murphy or said. "A parks district is not

Hager said it was the latter. "We didn't vote," he said. "We don't have enough information at this time. We want to gather the proper information first. It's pretty much a consensus that we do want to have adequate funding. We're blessed to have (parks supervisor) Robert Johnson, who is doing a yeoman's job with what he's got. Our parks look better than they should with the funding we have."

Hager pointed out future improvements at Keizer Rapids Park will be hard to do with the current funding structure.

"It's becoming more and more a jewel, but there is still more to be done," he said. "We want staff to get cost estimates for parts in the master plan."

Clark addressed both Hager and Parsons.

"As the Parks Board looks at options of what you need and how to pay for it, look at a variety of funding options rather than just one," the may-

the only funding mechanism available, so bring forward a number of options." Hager and Parsons agreed.

"This is just one piece," Parsons said of a parks district.

local weather

51/32 11/20

Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in

Sat 51/32 11/21

the low 30s.

Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.

Sun 51/35 11/22

Sunshine. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.

Mon 50/37 11/23

Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

Tue 46/31 11/24

Showers. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.



THIS WEEK'S **MOVIE TIMES** Pan (PG) Fri 4:15, Sat 12:20,

1:50, 4:00, Sun 12:00, 2:10, 4:20

Everest (PG-13) Fri 6:30, Sat 6:25, 9:00, Sun 3:40, 6:30, 8:45

Jurassic World (PG-13) Fri 6:10, 8:30, Sat 2:30, 6:05.

Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation (PG-13)

Ant Man (PG-13)

A Walk in the Clouds (R)

Black Mass (R) Fri 6:50, Sat 8:30, Sun 7:25

Hitman: Agent 47 (R)

Minions (PG) Fri 4:30, Sat

12:00, 4:15, Sun 12:30, 1:45

Inside Out (PG) Fri 4:00, Sat 2:10, Sun 11:40

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