

Chamber awards banquet Saturday

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Christine Dieker wants the attention to go to the right place.

On Saturday evening at the Keizer Quality Suites, the Keizer Chamber of Commerce is putting on the 55th annual Keizer First Citizen and Awards Banquet. The event starts with a 6 p.m. social hour and dinner at 7, followed by the awards. Individual tickets are \$45 while tables of eight are available for \$360.

Dieker, the executive director of the chamber since 1998, has announced her resignation. Her replacement is expected to be named in early February.

As such, it might be natural to assume Dieker will be the center of attention on the state come Saturday night.

Not if she has her way. "This is not about me," Dieker said this week. "This is our community night."

There are some changes this year, including the list of nominees not being announced in advanced. The four awards are Keizer First Citizen, Merchant of the Year, President's Award and Service to Education Award.

"It's going to be a total surprise this year," Dieker said. "It will be kind of neat. This selection committee said let's make it a big surprise."

Former Mayor Lore Christopher, now chair of the Keizer Public Arts Commission, won the First Citizen award last year. Joe Egli, a former Keizer City Councilor who works for R. Bauer Insurance, was Merchant of the Year. Dan Clem, who worked for the Keizer Chamber at the time and is now with the Salem Chamber, won the President's



Former Keizer Mayor Lore Christopher was giddy to accept the First Citizen Award at last year's awards banquet. This year's event takes place Saturday evening at Keizer Quality Suites.

Award. Power couple Chuck and Krina Lee won the Service to Education Award. Chuck is a longtime Salem-Keizer School Board member while Krina runs the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation. Another new addition is the \$60 Night Stay Addition Package, which includes a night of lodging at the Keizer Quality Suites.

"This is brand new," Dieker said. "We were able to offer attendees something if they want to have a night stay. McNary Restaurant and Lounge is doing the transportation from the hotel to their place, where the after hours party

will be. It's just to keep the partygoers safe. They can enjoy the night and have a night in Keizer."

A new addition last year was the Rising to the Occasion, which has morphed into Pairings of Excellence tables this year. Special couples, friends, cooperating organizations or partners that are stewards of the community will be honored and recognized at these tables.

"It's being well received," Dieker said. "We are reaching out to identify couples and partnerships doing excellent work in the community. It's a nice place and nice time to

give recognition because it is a community gathering."

Dieker said the event won't feel like a goodbye for her.

"It will just be different next year," she said. "I remember 18 years ago I attended the banquet as a community volunteer. I have full intentions to go next year and the years beyond."

Nathan Bauer is returning as event emcee, while Grand Jazz and Swing Band will provide the live music. Ticket information is available by calling the chamber office at 503-393-9111.

"We are looking forward to it," Dieker said of the evening. "It should be another fantastic banquet."

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Today in History
The Supreme Court decriminalizes abortion by handing down their decision in the case of *Roe v. Wade*.
— January 22, 1973

Food 4 Thought
"I hate abortions, but just could not make that choice for someone else."
— Barbara Bush

The Month Ahead
Friday, January 22 – Saturday, January 24
Keizer Homegrown Theater's *Always...Patsy Cline* wraps up at Kroc Center Auditorium, 1865 Bill Frey Drive in Salem. 7 p.m., tickets are \$18 each.

Saturday, January 23 – Sunday, January 24
Oregon Wedding Showcase, Oregon State Fairgrounds. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$9, \$8 with coupon and \$7 online. oregonweddingshowcase.com.

Tuesday, January 26
Keizer Public Arts Commission meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Town hall meeting on grocery stores at Keizer fire station, 661 Chemawa Road NE at 7 p.m.

Monday, February 1
Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Tuesday, February 2
Keizer Economic Development Commission, noon in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Wednesday, February 3
Claggett Creek Watershed Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center.

Friday, February 5
Salem-Keizer Volcanoes' 9th Winter Sports Banquet and Silent Auction, 6 p.m., Keizer Quality Suites. Keynote speaker will be Kyle Haines, team manager. Also appearing is Tony Torcato, former Volcano and Giant. Tickets are \$60 per couple, \$35 per person or \$225 for a table of eight. Call 503-390-2225.

Sunday, February 7
Afternoon Tea at the Library, fundraising event for the Keizer Community Library, 1:30 p.m. at Keizer Heritage Center. Tea, light refreshments, raffle. Tickets, \$25, are limited and available at the library or by emailing bachik@comcast.net. No tickets available at the door.

Monday, February 8
Keizer City Council work session, 5:45 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Tuesday, February 9
Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Wednesday, February 10
Keizer Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Thursday, February 11
Keizer Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

West Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center.

Saturday, February 13
Salem Audubon Society hosts a walking tour around Staats Lake beginning at 10 a.m. to view waterfowl that winter in our area. Dress warmly. The tour, about 1.25 miles, will last about 90 minutes. Contact Rich Ford at 503-510-9583.

Tuesday, February 16
Keizer Points of Interest Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Keizer City Council meeting (a day late due to the President's Day holiday), 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Thursday, February 18
Volunteer Coordinating Committee meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m. at Gubser Elementary School.

Rep. Post grocery store town hall slated Tuesday

A local hot topic has caught the attention of an elected state official.

As such, Rep. Bill Post (R-Keizer) is holding a town hall meeting next week about grocery stores – or the lack thereof in Keizer.

As has been well documented in the *Keizertimes*, Keizer had three grocery stores as recently as the spring of 2012 before Roth's closed its store in Schoolhouse Square at River and Chemawa Roads.

Last fall, the Haggen – formerly an Albertsons for 30 years – in the Keizer Creekside Shopping Center closed, leaving only the Safeway to serve the Keizer population of 37,000-plus residents.

Since then, potential new grocery stores have been a



KEIZERTIMES file/Craig Murphy
The inside of Haggen shortly before closing last year.

non-stop topic of discussion in the city. The most desired chain has been WinCo, with a "Keizer Wants WinCo" group on Facebook currently standing at more than 750 members.

Post's town hall will be held Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Keizer fire station, 661 Chemawa Road NE. Post does not intend to present a solution, but will listen to residents about the lack of grocery stores in Keizer.

"I have had so many constituents reach out to me about this issue," Post said. "I don't claim to have the answers, but I want to make sure that my neighbors here in Keizer are heard and that hopefully other elected officials will take the time to attend. If we all put our heads together, I would like to think we can come up with a solution."

looking back in the KT

5 YEARS AGO
Husband, accused of slaying, suspected affair
Lisa Zielinski was found dead in her home Jan. 12. Her husband Peter Zielinski told a detective he shot his wife amid suspicion she was having an affair.

10 YEARS AGO
Walgreens robbed by man with gun
Walgreens Drug Store on River Road N. was robbed for the second time in two months last Sunday, Jan. 15.

15 YEARS AGO
City to skaters: Clean up act or lose park
Muck, mud and litter crowd in the corner of the concrete structure and irritates city staffers who don't have time to monitor the situation fully. Kids are on their own at the park for hours with no adult supervision to keep the park clean.

20 YEARS AGO
Council checks out bookmobile deal
Keizer is getting an olive branch in the library wars, but at least one city councilor thinks Keizer instead may be getting a Trojan horse.

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Web Poll Results

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIE TIMES

Spectre (PG-13) Fri 6:05, 9:30, Sat 6:40, 9:10, Sun 5:35, 7:45

The Martian (PG-13) Fri 6:50, 8:50, Sat 6:30, Sun 4:40, 8:20

Bridge of Spies (PG-13) Sat 12:20

In the Heart of the Sea (PG-13) Fri 9:00, Sat 1:50, 4:15, 7:55, Sun 12:20

Concussion (PG-13) Fri 6:30, Sat 5:30, Sun 5:00

Maze Runner: Scorch Trials (PG-13) Sat 3:00, Sun 7:20

The Night Before (R) Sat 9:25

Hotel Transylvania 2 (PG) Sat 12:00, 2:40, Sun 1:50, 3:00

Goosebumps (PG) Fri 4:30, Sun 12:50

The Peanuts Movie (G) Fri 4:10, Sat 12:45, 4:35, Sun 12:00, 2:40, 3:45

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local weather

Fri 54/42 1/22

Showers ending by midday. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 40s.

Sat 49/37 1/23

Showers. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 30s.

Sun 49/36 1/24

Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 30s.

Mon 50/41 1/25

Afternoon showers. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.

Tue 50/43 1/26

Chance of showers. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.