

The RMS Titanic, billed as unsinkable, sinks into the icy waters of the North Atlantic after hitting an iceberg on its maiden voyage, killing 1,517 people.

— April 15, 1912

#### Food 4 Thought

"There are three classes of people: those who see, those who see when they are shown, those who do not see."

- Leonardo da Vinci, born April 15, 1452

### The Month Ahead

#### **Continuing Through Saturday, April 30**

Colored Pencil Show at Keizer Art Association's Enid Joy Mount Gallery at Keizer Heritage Center. Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. keizerarts.com.

#### Friday, April 15

Pentacle Theatre presents the Tony Award-winning musical Urinetown. Performance runs through Saturday, May 7. For show times and tickets visit pentacletheatre.org.

#### Saturday, April 16

Rickman Community Garden opens for the season with three Master Gardeners on hand for questions and to give information. The 17 raised beds garden is located beside the Public Works building. 10 a.m. to noon. For information email Peggy or Jerry Moore at moore5881@comcast.net.

### Monday, April 18

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

Filing deadline for 2015 IRS tax returns and State of Oregon

### Tuesday, April 19

Keizer Points of Interest Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road

# Thursday, April 21

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, 6610 14th Avenue NE.

Marion County Republicans host networking and a debate for Republican candidates in Oregon's 5th Congressional District. Free, 6 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE. Debate starts at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

### Friday, April 22

Hotel California, A Salute to the Eagles at The Historic Elsinore Theatre 7:30 p.m. 170 High St. SE Salem. For ticket information contact 503-375-3574. www.elsinoretheatre.

### Saturday, April 23

14th annual Chefs for Liberty House benefit, 5:30 p.m., Salem Convention Center presented by Mountain West Investment Corp. Gourmet dinner, silent and oral auctions. Single tickets are \$100, tickets for a couple are \$200. Registration ends April 18. libertyhousecenter.org.

### Saturday, April 23 - Sunday, April 24

Old-Fashioned Country Fair, the 29th Oregon AgFest, at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. Touch, taste and experience the world of Oregon agriculture. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$9; parking is free. For a full schedule visit oragfest.com.

### Saturday, April 23

Antique show and flea market, Salem Armory at corner of Sunnyside Road and 17th St. Antiques, collectibles and vintage items. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.. Admission is \$2; early shoppers (7-9 a.m.) \$6. salemcollectorsmarket.com.

### Monday, April 25

Keizer Festival Advisory Board meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

### Tuesday, April 26

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

### Wednesday, April 27

Discover Your Watershed Night, 6-8 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE. Booths, displays, activities and demonstrations. Free event sponsored by Claggett Creek Watershed Council (claggettcwc.org).

Add your event by e-mailing news@keizertimes.com.

# New wall pads for Wall Field

#### By CRAIG MURPHY Of the Keizertimes

During last week's Keizer City Council meeting, concern was expressed about a lack of wall padding for one of the fields at Keizer Little League Park.

By the end of the week, the problem was solved.

Clint Holland brought up the concern during the April 4 council meeting, along with Brad Aspire from Keizer Little League. Aspire was present to talk about the renovation underway to redo Field 3, a project previously mentioned in the Keizertimes.

"So far it looks beautiful," Aspire said. "It can't happen without the volunteers in Keizer Little League, Keizer Youth Sports Association and in the community. And I have to give a special mention to Tony Cuff and his family for their donated time and material."

Holland referenced a concern with the wall at Wall Field, or Field 4, just down from the concession stand. He recently showed the issue to city attorney Shannon Johnson.

"Some other things need to be done, that are a liability to the city," Holland said. "It's a known hazard. Wall Field is supposed to have wall pads. If someone hits that and it kills them, we're all in trouble. They left the pads out, which

ruined them. We need new pads for that field, which is \$6,900. Shannon, you were there. You know what I'm talking about."

Public Works Director Bill Lawyer said money could be spent, but there would be consequences.

"We can change plans to free up money, but then that means less service to the other parks," Lawyer said.

Holland reiterated his concern.

"If we don't get that wall fixed, someone will get hurt," he said. "It's a known hazard that is very bad."

Councilor Roland Herrera expressed approval of the work at Field 3, but was alarmed about the Wall Field

"This wall thing concerns me," Herrera said. "I can't believe they're playing without the pads. I'm surprised they're doing that. I don't know if that's legal."

City Manager Chris Eppley had an idea.

"One suggestion is to not allow play until we come up with a solution for the pads, while we research a way to resolve the issue," Eppley said.

Holland noted an issue with that idea.

"We're already down one field," Holland said.

"Clint, if you're telling me there's a significant safety issue, we need to stop using

# Walk MS Saturday

Walk MS connects people living with multiple sclerosis and those who care about them.

Saturday, April 16 is a day to join together, to celebrate the progress made and to show the power of connections.

From start to finish, Walk MS Salem is a family-friendly event. Eat, drink and head off from the starting line. This year's loop starts at Riverfront Park and takes participants past beautiful Salem landmarks including the Acid Ball and the Capitol building. Move at your own pace, since it is not a race.

Funds raised through Walk MS Salem help the more than 8,100 people living with MS in this community. The dollars raised support programs and research.

The event starts at Riverfront Park (200 Water Street NE in Salem) at 9 a.m. April 16, with the opening ceremony at 10. To register, visit WalkMS.org or contact Walk MS manager Andrea Kofoed at 503-445-8342.

KEIZERTIMES/Craig Murphy Concerns were expressed last week about the lack of padding

the field until we come up with a solution," Eppley said.

Following the discussion, Holland and Eppley went to the city hall lobby to talk some more. After the meeting, Eppley emphasized he was not issuing an order – yet.

"It is a suggestion," he said. "We will be exploring this safety issue, but it may become an order."

The exploring ended up taking place quickly. By the end of the week, Eppley said city recorder Tracy Davis worked with the city's insurance provider City/County Insurance Services (CCIS) and identified a \$5,000 grant used to address safety issues.

"CCIS has agreed that the wall pads at the Little League fields are an appropriate use of this grant so we will be notifying KLL that we have this funding for them if they can raise the additional \$1,900 necessary to get new pads," Eppley said. "We don't have any other safety projects in the queue so the pads are a good utilization of this opportunity." Holland gave credit to

Lawyer and parks supervisor Robert Johnson for helping out with the solution.

"Bill Lawyer got on it and Robert understood the problem," Holland said. "They did their part to solve

ries of meetings on the 2016-

17 City of Keizer budget.

Meetings are set for May 3, 5 and 10, all starting at 6 p.m.

in council chambers at Keizer

**Budget** Civic Center, 930 Chemawa

on the wall at Field 4 (Wall Field) at Keizer Little League Park,

but a grant is paying for most of the new padding. the problem. Bill got a grant for \$5,000, while the KLL

> Holland tipped his proverbial cap to Lawyer and Robert Johnson.

will pay for the balance."

'They do an awful lot with no funds," Holland said. "It shocks me what Robert does for us. He wants to do things the right way. He's very good. I just wish he had more money to work with."

As of Tuesday, Holland said he was working to get the pads ordered, since it takes two weeks for them to come

"I'm trying to do that right away," he said.

Holland said Wall Field needs dugout and bleachers work as well. Greg Ego with Rasmussen Spray Service has volunteered his time spraying for weeds and broad leaves on all of the fields. In addition, fertilizer has been donated for field projects.

"It looks like we have a good chance to get Wall Field up to speed as well," Holland



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local weather

Fri 63/41 4/15

Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.

Sat 73/45 4/16

Partly cloudy. Highs in

the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.

Sun 83/50 4/17



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

Mon 85/50 4/18

Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in

80/50

Tue 4/19

the low 50s.

Partly cloudy. Highs in

public hearings

hearing on April 18 to assess

street lighting improvements

for the Bowden Meadows

subdivision.

The **Keizer** 

Keizer City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 18 for a license change for the liquor license at Growl Movement. The hearing starts at 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer **Committee** will hold a se- Road NE. Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Council will also hold a

## looking back in the KT

## **5 YEARS AGO**

Repeat offender? Police think the same man robbed a north Keizer drug store twice in eight days. The two incidents, on March 31 and April 8, are extremely similar in nature, police report.

### **10 YEARS AGO**

2 adults, 3 kids arrested for River

Road burglaries Keizer police have arrested two adults and three juveniles, ages 11, 12 and 17, in connection with three burglaries on River Road.

### **15 YEARS AGO**

Keizer girls accused in tennis ball incident Keizer police arrested two girls in connection with a tennis ball bomb scare that locked down Whiteaker Middle School a day earlier. The Whiteaker students, one age 13 and the other 14, were accused of three misdemeanors--possession of a hoax destructive device, disorderly conduct and conspiracy to commit disorderly conduct.

### **20 YEARS AGO**

Split council rejects motel tax

Visitors to Keizer in the future won't have to pay a motel tax if they stay in Keizer. The Keizer City Council Monday night reversed course and canceled plans to create a motel

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# KEIZERTIMES.COM Web Poll

Who should take the lead in helping to alleviate the homeless situation in our community?

**36% -** Local government (either cities or counties)

**22% –** Community action groups & organizations

17% - Federal government through funding assistance or programs

17% - Churches, especially those with available land **7% -** Members of the Mid-Valley

Homelessness Initiative **2% -** Private businesses

**Vote in a new poll every Thursday!** 

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