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Today in History

At the Iffley Road Track in Oxford, England, medical student Roger Bannister becomes the first person in recorded history to run the mile in under four minutes.

— May 6, 1954

Food 4 Thought

“It may be possible to gild pure gold, but who can make his mother more beautiful?”

— Mahatma Gandhi

The Month Ahead

Saturday, May 7

Sheep to Shawl at Willamette Heritage Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission. willametteheritage.org/sheeptoshawl.

Silverton Health Fun Run, 7:30 a.m., hospital parking lot (342 Fairview St.). 5K and one mile kid's race. silvertonhealth.org/funrun.

Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day Breakfast at Keizer Fire District, 661 Chemawa Road N.E., 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. The menu includes all of the pancakes, eggs, and sausage you can eat. \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under.

Tuesday, May 10

Keizer Budget Committee budget meeting (if needed), 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 6 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center.

Wednesday, May 11

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

Thursday, May 12

Keizer 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.

Thursday, May 12 – Sunday, May 15

McMenamins UFO Festival at Hotel Oregon. Many activities including popular UFO Costume parade at 2 p.m. on Saturday. ufofest.com.

Saturday, May 14

Keizer Distinguished Young Women program, 7 p.m., Ken Collins Theatre at McNary High School. Nine 11th grade women vie for the title and scholarships.

Claggett Creek Watershed Council event, removing invasive plants at Keizer Rapids Park, 9 a.m.

Monday, May 16

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

Tuesday, May 17

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

Keizer Budget Committee budget meeting (if needed), 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Thursday, May 19

Volunteer Coordinating Committee meeting, 6 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

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

Thursday, May 19 – Sunday, May 22

Keizer Iris Festival. Various events throughout the four days, highlighted by the parade down River Road starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 21. For complete information about the festival, see the upcoming Keizer Iris Festival guide published by the *Keizertimes*.

Sunday, May 22

Bark for Life presented by the American Cancer Society, 11:30 a.m., Keizer Rapids Park. Activities will include dog costume contest, Keizer Police K-9 demo and more.

Tuesday, May 24

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

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

Dwellings per acre rules will now be consistent throughout Keizer

By CRAIG MURPHY
Of the Keizertimes

If Keizer allows eight dwellings per acre, why should one area have a limitation of six dwellings per acre?

That question came up during Monday's Keizer City Council meeting.

The proposed revision to the Keizer Development Code, previously approved by the Keizer Planning Commission, deals with a limit on parcels located north of Barnick Road. While other Residential Single zones in the city have a limit of eight dwellings per acre, the area north of Barnick has a limit of six dwellings.

Nate Brown, Community Development director for the city, said there is a simple reason the restriction was put into place.

“When this restriction was created, the northern part of the city lacked both sanitary sewer and public water to adequately accommodate a level of density found in other areas of the city,” Brown said. “With the public improvements that now serve this area, combined with the number of parcels that been have re-divided, this density restriction is no longer appropriate.”

Mayor Cathy Clark noted a key reason for the change.

“We are looking for areas to allow for more housing,” Clark said.

Brown acknowledged that is an “important part” of the reason for the change, since the city is facing a projected housing shortfall for future growth.

“To have an artificial cap in this one area is inconsistent with the long-term goals of both the city and the state,” Brown said.

In response to a question from councilor Roland Herrera, Brown noted things looked different when the cap was put into place many years ago.

“It was a more rural, lesser developed part of town originally,” Brown said. “There was less water and sewer infrastructure in this part of the city, so there was a concern this could overwhelm the fabric of the infrastructure. Again, this goes back decades.”

City Attorney Shannon Johnson also referenced how different things were at the time.

“My recollection, and this is probably 20 years ago, this area of Clear Lake was totally undeveloped,” Johnson said. “A lot of people out there were on acreage farms and were concerned about development to their rural areas. The reality is that most of the development in the city is closer to six units per acre. I don't think the change to eight units per acre will make a difference out there, this just



KEIZERTIMES/Craig Murphy
Top: Mayor Cathy Clark poses with Keizer Elks Lodge 2472 members Ron Freeman and Esteemed Royal Knight Dave Salisbury upon proclaiming this as Elks National Youth Week. Above: Keizer City Councilors discuss an item during their meeting on Monday, May 2.

per acre currently,” he said. “Cottage clusters could be more dense. This doesn't get us much difference than what we currently have.”

Councilors unanimously approved the change on a 6-0 vote, with Dennis Koho absent.

“The reality is, with the current development practice, once you add in the road you're only seeing six units

Chief defends Keizer's safety

By CRAIG MURPHY
Of the Keizertimes

There has been an abnormal amount of high-profile crime thus far this year in Keizer.

As such, it was only natural for the topic to come up when Keizer police chief John Teague spoke at the April 21 Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association meeting.

There was a fatal shooting in Keizer Station on Valentine's Day, a March 21 shooting in the Bi-Mart parking lot and a fatal stabbing at a Brooks Avenue home on April 15.

“Generally speaking, Keizer is a safe place to live, never mind that we've had these high-profile incidents,” Teague said. “Every one involved people living a high-risk lifestyle, whether it be alcohol, drugs or narcotics. This kid in the (stabbing) was not involved in any of those. Generally, if you're not living in a high-risk

lifestyle, Keizer is a safe place to live.

“If any of these three had involved a random act with a stranger, it would be an entirely different conversation,” he added. “My impression is that people get it. If it's a little different conversation, then it becomes a state level conversation.”

Mark Caillier, president of the GGNA and a retired Salem police officer, said there were also questions about gangs in Keizer.

“The response was we have some gang members that live in Keizer, but their activity tends to be outside of Keizer,” Caillier said.

Caillier and Teague are two of the 27 members making up the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council, part of the reason Teague was at the meeting. The council was formed in 1997 in response to a 1995 state law requiring all counties in Oregon to form such a group.

Among other things, such

councils are responsible for developing plans for the use of state resources to serve local adult offenders, plans for the use of state and local resources to serve 15- to 18-year-old offenders and plans to prevent criminal involvement by youth.

The Marion County council meets monthly and is comprised of members from the public safety, education, social service, civic and business leadership, judiciary and public health fields.

One program is Justice Reinvestment, which gives non-violent property and drug offenders the tools they need to succeed. Corrections officers in the county manage 3,600 people on post-prison supervision and probation. Another priority of the program is helping crime victims find safety and rebuild their lives.

Some of the lessons learned with Justice Reinvestment have served as models for the Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative, which started in Jan-

uary. The task force met most recently on Monday, May 2 and will next meet on June 6 in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

looking back in the KT

5 YEARS AGO
Ready for your close up?

Ulta aims to be one-stop beauty shop. If the enthusiasm we saw at Ulta Cosmetics' new Keizer Station location keeps up, it will do just fine. Even before their grand opening a steady stream of women were touring the new digs.

10 YEARS AGO
Detour ahead

Be prepared for detours in the Keizer Station area. The Chemawa railroad crossing just west of interstate 5 will be closed. The closure will allow crews to launch a major overhaul of the rail crossing.

15 YEARS AGO
City proposes budget plan for 'critical year'

Keizer City Manager Chris Eppley is recommending what he calls a status quo budget for next year that will keep city services at current levels even as the cost of doing business increases.

20 YEARS AGO
Crime strikes home as Keizer burglaries rise

Home burglaries jumped 51 percent from the same three months a year ago. In 1995 Keizer residents reported 39 burglaries. In early 1996, 59 burglaries were reported.

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Sat 5/7 86/51

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Sun 5/8 71/45

Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.

Mon 5/9 72/44

Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.

Tue 5/10 80/49

Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.