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Today in History

Benjamin Franklin flies a kite during a thunderstorm and collects a charge in a Leyden jar when the kite is struck by lightning, enabling him to demonstrate the electrical nature of lightning. He coined a number of terms used today, including battery, conductor and electrician. He also invented the lightning rod, used to protect buildings and ships. — June 10, 1752

Food 4 Thought

“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.” — Benjamin Franklin

The Month Ahead

Continuing to Saturday, June 18

The Rainmaker by N.Richard Nash at Pentacle Theatre. Visit pentacletheatre.org for show times and tickets.

Through Saturday, July 30

Legos, from the private collection of Darren and JoDene Summers, on display at the Keizer Heritage Museum and at the Keizer Community Library. Museum hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 2-4 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. keizerheritage.org.

Friday, June 10

McNary High School graduation of the class of 2016. The Pavilion at Oregon State Fair and Expo, 5-6:30 p.m. 503-399-3233.

Friday, June 10 – Saturday, June 11

Warbirds Over the West, Alliance Museum and Restoration Hangar at Salem McNary Airfield, 25th St. S.E.. Aircraft, classic cars, military vehicles. BBQ and burgers. 5:30-8 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$10, \$15 for Friday dinner. B17alliancegroup.com.

Saturday, June 11

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Anderson Room A of Salem Public library (585 Liberty St SE). Pam Vestal will speak about using voting records to obtain genealogical information. For more information, call 503-363-0880.

Sunday, June 12

Luau fundraiser at Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center at corner of Cherry Avenue and Plymouth Drive, 1 p.m. Kaluha pork lunch. Entertainment by Polynesian dance troupe and the “Cheers” ukulele band. Tickets are \$12, \$15 at the door.

Monday, June 14

Keizer City Council Work Session, 5:45 p.m. 930 Chemawa Road N.E.

Tuesday, June 14

Keizer Parks Advisory Board meeting, 6 p.m., 930 Chemawa Road N.E.

Friday, June 17

Oregon State Capitol Tower Tours, weather permitting. Tours to observation deck start in the Rotunda at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Waiver required. oregoncapitol.com.

Tuesday, June 21

Keizer Fire Board meeting, 7 p.m., 661 Chemawa Road N.E.

Free admission all day at Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 700 State Street. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, June 25

Deepwood Estate Wine and Jazz Fest, 4-9 p.m. Local wine and food. Entertainment by Gail Gage Jazz and Island Jaz Quartet. Admission is \$15, \$12 for members. deepwoodmuseum.org.

Saturday, June 25 – Sunday, June 26

Lincoln City Summer Kite Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., D River State Recreation Area. Free. oregoncoast.org.

Sunday, June 26

McMinnville Garden Club presents its 16th Garden Tour and Faire. Includes five private gardens, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Garden Faire will be held on 3rd and Cows Streets in downtown. Garden tour is \$10 per person. Garden Faire is free. mcminnvillegardenclub.org.

Tuesday, June 28

Free admission all day at Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 700 State Street. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Citations strain city court budget

By ERIC A. HOWALD
Of the Keizertimes

For the most part, Keizer’s municipal court flies under the radar, but recent strains – some indicative of changes in other departments – made it one of the larger issues on the Keizer City Council’s agenda Monday, June 6.

Council members unanimously approved a \$10,000 transfer from the general fund to the municipal court to cover rising costs.

“The biggest reason for the transfer was that during 2015-16, the police department reinstated one half of their traffic safety unit. It increased citations by more than 50 percent,” said Tim Wood,

city finance director.

The increased number of citations added to time needed for the judge as well as interpreters for the various area residents who appear before the court.

“We’ve had to rely a lot on our Spanish interpreter, but we also began to use Russian and American Sign Language interpreters more,” Wood said.

The increased revenues from traffic citations mean the city also has to pay more to the county and state, about 19 percent of the revenue it takes in. Credit card fees and others also played a part in the budget shortage related to citations.

Another factor in the shortfall was the court’s role in taking on truancy cases re-

lated to Keizer schools.

“We’ve also been working truancy court with the Salem-Keizer School District. Our idea is helping families get their kids back into school, and that uses more of the judge’s time and can mean we need to use interpreters as well,” Wood said.

City officials knew that the budget would be tight when forecasting needs last year, but Wood said they hoped to be able to close any gaps by scrimping in other places.

“We tightened our belt as much as we could, but it just wasn’t enough to get over the last month (of the fiscal year),” Wood said.

Chemawa Future leaders closes Jun 16

The intersection at Chemawa Road Northeast and Verda Lane Northeast will be closing for the summer beginning Thursday, June 16.

The closure paves the way for the construction of a roundabout to replace the four-way stop that produces long lines at the intersection for several minutes a day during peak commutes.

Detour signs directing traffic to alternate routes – primarily taking Lockhaven Drive Northeast to River Road North – are expected to be in place before the closure. Flaggers will also be present during construction to direct traffic.

The intersection will remain closed until Sept. 2.

The project is a partnership effort between the city and the Oregon Department of Transportation.



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Jimena Paniagua, a member of the Kennedy Academy of Leadership Club, talks about her experiences in the group in front of the Keizer City Council Monday, June 6. She is flanked by fellow KAL members Saul Espinoza-Diaz, to the left, and Jesus Silva, to the right.

SKSD water to be tested for lead

Salem-Keizer School District parents and staff received a letter from Superintendent Christy Perry last week informing them that all schools will be tested for lead in the water.

Since nearly all of the Salem-Keizer schools are exempt from mandatory water testing because they are served by city water systems which test the water before it is distributed to the community, including the schools, the testing by the district is voluntarily.

“In light of events in other states as well as other communities in Oregon, we have decided to voluntarily test all

of our schools for lead in the water,” Perry wrote. “This will be a major project and will take some time to complete.”

After tests in March showed unsafe levels of lead in the drinking water, Portland is providing their 49,000 students at 78 schools with bottled water and shut down drinking fountains.

The first round of testing in Salem-Keizer is hoped to be completed this summer. The order of testing may be based on the schools that would take the most time and effort to fix

in case unsafe levels of lead are found. As results come in, they will be shared with the schools and posted to the district’s website, www.salemkeizer.org.

The district has 65 schools, including one high school, two middle and seven elementary schools in Keizer.

“The rights of all students to safe drinking water are equal,” Perry wrote. “Our commitment is that all schools will be tested this summer and no person will be allowed to drink from fixtures that are found to contain unsafe lead levels.”

public hearings

• The Keizer City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed uses for the city’s State Revenue Sharing Funds at its meeting Monday, June 20, at 7 p.m. Funds available are estimated to total approximately \$300,000. The public is invited to propose ideas for using the money.

sudoku

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Web Poll Results

Should presidential candidates be required to release their tax forms?

54% – Yes

46% – No

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local weather

Fri 6/10 63/47

Chance of afternoon showers. Highs in the 60s and lows in the upper 40s.

Sat 6/11 67/49

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

Sun 6/12 73/52

Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.

Mon 6/13 72/49

Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.

Tue 6/14 66/48

A few morning showers. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s.

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIE TIMES

The Huntsman: Winter's War (PG-13) Fri 6:15, 8:40, Sat 5:45, Sun 2:25, 4:15, 8:20

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 (PG-13) Fri 6:40, Sat 8:00, 9:45, Sun 12:25, 6:30, 8:55

Mother's Day (PG-13) Fri 4:20, Sat 12:40, 4:20, Sun 6:45

Batman vs. Superman: The Dawn of Justice (PG-13) Fri 8:25, Sat 2:55, 6:40, Sun 5:20

The Divergent Series: Allegiant (PG-13) Sun 3:00

The Darkness (PG-13) Fri 8:05, Sat 9:25, Sun 8:10

Miracles from Heaven (PG) Sat 12:00

God's Not Dead 2 (PG) Sun 12:40

Zootopia (PG) Fri 4:05, 5:55, Sat 12:20, 2:30, 4:40, Sun 12:00, 2:05, 4:40

Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG) Fri 4:00

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