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Today in History

With Allies closing in on Germany, Nazi leader Adolph Hitler orders a massive attack with three armies from the densely wooded Ardennes region, creating a triangular 'bulge' 60 miles deep and 50 miles wide along the Allied front.

— December 16, 1944

Food 4 Thought

"The philosophy of a generation is common sense to the next."

— Gebhard Lebrecht Blücher, defeated Napoleon at Waterloo. Born Dec. 16, 1742

The Month Ahead

Through Friday, December 23

A Civil War Christmas: An American Musical Celebration at Artists Repertory Theater, Alder Stage, 1516 SW Alder Street, Portland, 97205. Tickets are \$50. For showtimes or to buy tickets, call 503-241-1278 or visit www.artistsrep.org

Through Monday, December 26

Keizer Miracle of Christmas Lights Display, 6 to 10 p.m. Gubser neighborhood. Free admission but cash and food donations for the Marion-Polk Food Share are welcome.

Through Saturday, December 31

14th Something Red Art Walk, Exhibit and Sale presented by Artists in Action. More than 20 businesses in downtown Salem will participate. artistsinaction.org.

Through Sunday, January 1

Christmas in the Garden, located at The Oregon Garden, 879 West Main Street. Features ice skating, a traditional German Christmas Market, and a light display in the Rediscovery Forest. Ice skating is available daily (Garden closed Dec. 24 and 25.) Visit www.oregongarden.org/christmas-schedule-of-activities/.

Friday, December 16

Salem/Keizer December Dance Performance presented by Keizer's France School of Dance, 7 p.m., North Salem High School Auditorium, 765 14th St. N.E. Admission is \$3 per person or three cans of food to be donated to local food banks. fsodance.com. 503-390-1210.

Sunday, December 18

The Festival Chorale Oregon Festival Carolers present *Sing We Now of Christmas* at the Historic Elsinore Theatre. They will be performing traditional carols dressed in Victorian costume. There will be audience sing-alongs and a special story for children. Doors open at 3 p.m., performance starts at 4 p.m. Buy tickets at elsinoretheatre.com.

Candy Cane Day in Keizer. Santa Claus travels throughout the city handing out canes with the help of the Keizer Fire District volunteers.

Sunday, December 18-Monday, December 19

Holiday Craft and Bake Sale Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1330 Summer Street NE, across from the Boys & Girls Club. 10 to 6 p.m. both day. Nearly two dozen hand-crafting vendors and assorted baked goods. Fundraiser for the church and the church's Pathfinders group.

Monday, December 19-Friday, December 23

Magic at the Mill at Mission Mill Museum, 1313 Mill Street S.E. From 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Adults and seniors \$6, children 6-12 \$4. Children four and under, free. Free admission to members. Go to willametteheritage.org for more information.

Saturday, December 17

54th annual Salem Christmas bird count, organized by the Salem Audubon Society. More than 100 species and almost 50,000 birds were counted last year. 503-507-8552, 971-338-8817.

Tuesday, December 20

Tea with Mrs. Claus at Salem's Riverfront Carousel. Sittings at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. \$20 per person, children under three free if on adult's lap. By reservation only. Call 503-540-0374.

Thursday, December 22- Friday, December 23

The Nutcracker will be performed at the Historic Elsinore Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$24 to \$39. Youth (high school and younger) cost between \$22 and \$35. Group (15 or more) cost between \$22 and \$35. Buy tickets at elsinoretheatre.com.

Pajama Party with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Salem's Riverfront Carousel. Starts at 6 p.m. \$20 per person, children under three free. By reservation only. Call 503-540-0374.

Saturday, December 24

Salem Tuba Holiday presented by Historic Elsinore Theatre and Salem Concert Band, noon. 170 High Street SE. Open seating, \$15, reserved seating \$20. Students \$5. 503-375-3574 or 1-800-992-8499. salemconcertband.org.

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

Oh thank Heaven

Hyders retire after 35 years as 7-Eleven franchisees

By ERIC A. HOWALD
Of the Keizertimes

In nearly 35 years as franchisees of the 7-Eleven at the corner of Lockhaven Drive and River Road, John and Jane Hyder have seen as many as four generations of the same families come through their store.

Until they retired on Tuesday, Dec. 13, it wasn't uncommon for the children of regular customers to drop in and ask if they remembered them from years, sometimes decades, before.

"It happens a lot around the holidays when family is back in town," said Jane. "Most of the time they have to give me clues, but it really helps if they bring in their kids because I can look at them and see the resemblances from when the parents were their age."

The Hyders said the regular customers and their families are the things they'll miss most about the work.

"We have one guy we call 'Decaf John' because he comes in about the same time every day and gets a large decaf coffee. We always make sure to have a fresh pot on when he gets here," John said.

The Hyders have seen a lot of changes in the past three decades, in their business and in Keizer as a whole.

They have an aerial photograph of the 7-Eleven store taken a few years after they purchased the franchise. The place that is now Creekside Shopping Center is still a field, there is no Dairy Queen or apartments hemmed in along the



KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald

NOW AND THEN: Jane and John Hyder in front of their 7-Eleven franchise the day before retiring earlier this week and in February 1982 when they took over the store.

side and back of the building, there isn't even a stoplight at the intersection. Keizer hadn't become its own city when they bought the franchise.

"The Marion County Sheriff's Office provided police and they kind of used our back counter as a work substation and the store as a place to use the restroom," John said.

In the early years, Jane would work the day shift and John would come in on evenings and weekends. They ran the entire business mostly by themselves with the help of their kids, Jill and Troy. Troy returned to the shop after graduating from Oregon State University and has worked there

for 21 years himself, but he's also going to pursue other interests as his parents depart.

"Everything was clerk-served. If you wanted a Big Gulp, you ordered it at the counter and we served it. There was no self-serve back in those days," Jane said.

The offerings have also changed. When the Hyders took the reins, 7-Elevens focused on basic convenience store fare of bread, milk, soda, beer and candy.

"Now it is more of a food store with hot and cold food in addition to all of that other stuff," Jane said.

When the opportunity arose to take on the other

7-Eleven down the street on River Road North, they purchased that one, too, and retained ownership for 26 years. The Hyders sold that stake in 2009.

John said technology has had one of the biggest impacts.

"We're saving a lot of trees now. Everything used to be done on paper, but now the system 7-Eleven uses takes care of most of it, including ordering product," he said.

The Hyders have no agenda for what comes next. John wants to get the garage cleaned up, but after that he wants to start volunteering as a way to stay connected with the many customer-friends he's met over the years.

"I'm going to miss all of our regular friends and customers and staff. They've all made our lives easier over the past couple of years and I cannot thank them enough," John said.

Jane summed it up with a tagline the convenience store used many moons ago, "Oh thank Heaven for 7-Eleven."

obituaries

Karen Sue (Leavitt) Choate

Jan. 30, 1943 - Dec. 7, 2016

Karen Sue (Leavitt) Choate, a resident of Avamere Court, passed away Thursday, Dec. 7.

Karen was born to Jacob Hamblin Leavitt and Anna Minerva Potter on Jan. 30, 1943, in Las Vegas. She often recalled the family sitting on the porch and watching mushroom clouds of atomic bombs tested fifty miles of her home north.

When she was 18, Karen met an airman from Stayton, Ore., stationed at Nellis Air Force Base. She and Chuck Choate were married July 8, 1961. Upon his discharge they moved to Oregon where lived

in Salem, Corvallis, Hillsboro and Keizer during the last 55 years. Together they raised their son, Kevin.

In July 2006, she moved to Avamere Court at Keizer and there is no doubt that she lived as long as she did because of the quality, professionalism and love of the Avamere staff.

She is survived by her hus-

band, Chuck Choate; son, Kevin Choate; daughter-in-law Zoie Choate; grandchildren Charleigh, Paul and Amber Choate; and great granddaughter Audrey Choate.

Visitation will be on Friday, Dec. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 17, from 11 a.m. till service time at 2 p.m. at Keizer Funeral Chapel.

Will Woodruff

March 18, 1980 - Dec. 6, 2016

Salem comedian Will Woodruff died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016.

Woodruff was a poker dealer who worked around the country including events like the World Series of Poker. He was co-founder of the Willamette Valley's Funniest Person Contest.

He is survived by his mother, Shelley Woodruff of Keizer and two brothers, Craig and Ronald.

A GoFundMe campaign has been set up in his memory to cover cremation and funeral costs, it can be found at gofundme.com/cr98r38. Any amount received over the stated goal will be put toward a memorial in his name.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Capitol City Theater, 210 Liberty Street S.E.

looking back in the KT

5 YEARS AGO

Celt gets "Made" on MTV

A Keizer teen was featured on the hit MTV show "Made". 17 year old Anthony Aguilar, a junior at McNary High School was picked.

10 YEARS AGO

Keizer principle parlays hard work into success

Linda St. Pierre became the principle of Keizer Elementary School seven years ago. She won the Crystal Apple Award that honor the best educators from the Salem-Keizer School district.

15 YEARS AGO

Hometown heroes

A good sized crowd of Keizerites turned out under cold but clear skies to cheer the McNary High School's 2001 state 4A football champions. They paraded from the high school to St. Edward Catholic church.

20 YEARS AGO

Metal towers may face city control

The Keizer Planning Commission wants to move quickly to control the cellular telephone towers. Now, there is little or no restriction in Keizer on where the towers can go. Keizer wants to control where metal towers sprout in the community.

sudoku

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Jack Reacher: Never Go Back (PG-13)
Fri 6:30, 8:45, Sat 5:30, Sun 5:20, 7:40

Keeping Up with the Joneses (PG-13) Fri 8:55

Sully (PG-13) Fri 6:15, Sat 6:20, Sun 6:00

The Magnificent Seven (PG-13) Fri 4:15, Sun 12:40, 8:00

The Girl on the Train (R) Fri 6:00, 8:15, Sat 5:50, Sun 6:50, 9:00

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (PG-13) Fri 4:05, Sat 11:30, Sun 2:00, 4:25

Storks (PG) Fri 4:05, Sat 11:45, 4:15, Sun 12:00, 3:10

The Secret Life of Pets (PG) Sat 12:10, 4:00, Sun 2:15, 4:10

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