

Today in History

The Gadsden Purchase is signed between Mexico and the United States. The treaty settled the dispute over the location of the Mexican border west of El Paso, Texas, and established the final boundaries of the southern United States.

- December 30, 1853

Food 4 Thought

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man."

— Benjamin Franklin

The Month Ahead

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. artists inaction.

Keep your eyes open for Whale Watch Week at the Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay. Don't pass up the opportunity to catch a glimpse of a whale.

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.

Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve Party at McNary Restaurant & Lounge beginning at 7 p.m. All-request DJ, photo booth, raffle prizes, party favors, hors d'oeuvres, Two champagne toasts (9:00 p.m. ET, 12:00 a.m. PT). Cost is \$35 per

Sunday, January 1 New Year's Day

Monday, January 2

New Year's Day observed. Government offices and banks closed.

Tuesday, January 3

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

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m., 930 Chemawa Road N.E.

Monday, January 9

Keizer City Council and Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory board joint work session, 5:45 p.m., 930 Chemawa Road N.E. Council and parks board members will provide information on parks survey.

Tuesday, January 10

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

Wednesday, January 11

Claggett Creek Watershed Council general meeting, 5:30 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

Keizer Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m., 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Thursday, January 12

Keizer Traffic Safety, Bikeways and Pedestrian Committee meeting, 6 p.m., 930 Chemawa Road N.E.

West Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m., 930 Chemawa Road N.E.

Saturday, January 14

Millstream Knitting Guild meets at Arrowhead Mobile Park Community Center, 5422 Portland Road N.E. in Salem,10 a.m. to noon. New members welcome, \$24 membership per year. For more information, visit millstreamknitting.wordpress.com.

Monday, January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Government offices closed.

Tuesday, January 17

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m., 930 Chemawa Road N.E.

Friday, January 20

Menopause the Musical at the Elsinore Theatre. Starts at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30. Tickets are between \$29 and \$55. Buy tickets online.

Monday, January 23 Keizer Festival Advisory Board meeting, 6 p.m. 930 Chemawa Road N.E.

Sunday, January 29

Fellini at the Circus. Hudson Hall Willamette University, 3 p.m.

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

MAK cleans up Salem home

(MAK), the Keizer Chamber of Commerce's volunteer group of men, jumped into action earlier this month when they were called by representatives of the Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs to help clear out the former home of a veteran's widow.

A small group of MAK volunteers, led by Bob Shackelford, were joined by three Keizer Police Department employees at the manufactured home in northeast Salem that was the residence of Carmel Westover for decades. Westover, in her 70s, had relocated to a foster home earlier in the year.

The large, three-bedroom home, was filled with the artifacts of a life that Westover shared with her husband Marvin, a Korean War Naval vet, who had passed away. The clear-out team filled a large trash container and a recycling container, donated by Pacific Sanitation Service. Items in the home were divided into categories: trash, recyclables, personal documents things that will be sold.

Men in Action for Keizer, which has a roster of about 50



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Joseph Haggard (from left), Clay Rushton, Sgt. Lance Inman and Bob Shackelford volunteer to clear out the former home of a Korean War vet widow.

members, was created several years ago as a counter to the chamber's Keizer Network of Women (KNOW), assists in every way for those in need—individuals, businesses, civic projects and more. Shackelford, a real estate broker, leads the group, which is constantly seeking projects

to which they can lend their manpower.

Jordan Killian, property manager for the Department of Veteran Affairs (ODVA), contacted Sgt. Lance Inman at Keizer Police, who connected him with Shackelford and MAK. Overseeing the project was Helen Ireland, conservatorship manager with

Along with Shackelford, the volunteers from Men in Action for Keizer at the home clean-up were Bob Parsons, Clay Rushton and Joseph Haggard. Joining Inman from the police department were Traci Moore and Jacki Wolfe.

School board talks McNary, McKay growth

By HERB SWETT Of the Keizertimes

Preparing for further enrollment growth is the object of a series of Salem-Keizer School District work sessions, the first of which was held Monday, Dec. 19.

The session focused on security, safety, and expansion. Participants were mostly district administrators and staffers, with Paul Kyllo the only School Board member present; director Chuck Lee had to cancel plans to attend the session.

Mary Paulson, district chief of staff, reviewed the school bonds from 1992 on. She noted that the current bond of \$242.1 million, which began in 2008, includes four new schools but not the career technical school.

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MOVIE TIMES

Jack Reacher: Never Go Back (PG-13)

The Magnificent Seven (PG-13)

Fri 3:30, Sat 2:15, Sun 3:30

Fri 6:00, 8:30, Sun 6:00, 8:30

Miss Peregrine's Home for

Peculiar Children (PG-13)

Fri 12:10, 2:40, Sat 12:00, Sun 2:25

Fri 11:20, 1:10, 3:05, Sat 12:15,

2:35, Sun 2:00, 4:00, 4:55

Fri 11:45, 1:35, Sat 12:40, Sun 1:40

The Secret Life of Pets (PG)

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Storks (PG)

Fri 5:10, Sat 2:50

The Girl on the Train (R)

The Accountant (R)

Sully (PG-13)

Allied (R)

Michael Wolfe, chief operating officer, showed a chart of levy rates for the 2008 bond. He pointed to a drop in the rate for 2017 but showed that there would be small increases in the next few years.

Noting that projections are not an exact science, Superintendent Christy Perry said, "We tried to be middle-ofthe-road in setting goals."

The meeting split into two groups, one on safety and security and the other on possibilities for future buildings.

John Van Dreal, director of safety and risk management, discussed safety and security. The objectives, he said are based on the multidisciplinary approach of CEPTED (crime prevention through environmental design).

CEPTED involves construction of buildings so that people are as visible as possible. This means deterring potential troublemakers by constructing barriers, placing access points, and allowing places for cam-

"Criminals don't like to work hard," he noted.

Van Dreal said plans are to have all district buildings secured in those ways.

Wolfe, who led the other group, discussed recommendations for portable classrooms, including replacing 20-year portables with 50-year ones. He said one of the latter, which would have two classrooms,

would cost \$350,000.

Growth of the McNary High School attendance area is something Wolfe said will have to be addressed. He raised the possibility of having the attendance area of a new or present high school include part of Keizer. He said the same is true of the McKay High School attendance area.

"If we do nothing," Wolfe said, "McKay will have 2,700 students by 2020."

Succeeding meetings will be held Jan. 12, 19, and 26. Paulson said there is a possibility of a Feb. 9 session.

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5 YEARS AGO B'ball team

adopts family

The McNary High School varsity basketball adopted a local family intent on making their holiday brighter with some leftover money from last season's fundraising projects.

10 YEARS AGO

Shop owner brings his kingdom to Keizer

Tony Grove opens Kingdom of Comics on River Road N. Opening the store was a team effort for Grove's entire family, they helped prep the store for its opening.

15 YEARS AGO

BMW crashes into house, all is forgiven Pastor Jim Banke, who lives at Chemawa Road and Verda Lane returned home early to finish up his Sunday morning sermon when he heard car brakes screeching and something hit the side of the house and stuff flew off the walls. He ran to the front of the house and found a shiny BMW on his porch. The driver of the stolen vehicle was treated at the hospital and then booked into jail. The topic for the pastors sermon was "forgiveness, repentance and restoration."

20 YEARS AGO

Last-minute hitches don't slow council's okay of baseball deal The Keizer City Council finally approved leasing property to a minor league professional baseball team. Construction on the 4,400seat stadium on NE Radiant Drive is scheduled to start right after the first of the year.

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