Eclipse campsites at KRP now available

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Campsites at Keizer Rapids Park during the Keizer eclipse festival are now up for grabs at www.keizereclipse.com.

The site that will feature information on the upcoming event is now live and there are 166 available spots, about half of those are reserved for RVs.

More discussion of the event was expected at a meeting of the Keizer Festival Advisory Board meeting Monday, March 27, but only two members of the committee turned out.

In lieu of the meeting, Donna Bradley representing the Keizer Parks Foundation, Bob Shackelford and Marlene Parsons, members of the KFAB, and Linda Pantalone of the Keizer Community Emergency Response Team had an informal discussion of how to proceed with the event planning.

"What I really need are organizers for specific events," said Parsons who has taken on the role of planning chair for the Keizer eclipse event.

On August 21, a total solar eclipse will pass over Keizer in the late hours of the morning. The "Keizer Eclipse. Totally." event will lead up to the celestial event and raise money for Keizer Parks. Fees for camping and other activities will be donated to the city's parks budget.

Parsons is looking for people to organize activities like a disc golf tournament and sand volleyball tournament in the days leading up to the eclipse as well as sponsors to help cover the costs associated with portable toilets and other amenities. There are also numerous other roles and organization tasks that need to be completed in the run-up to the event.

"We would also like to have someone sponsor the CERT volunteers," said Bradley.

Local businesses are also welcome to donate items for a swag bag given out to each of the campsites. Promotional items and materials – like pens and bottles – are welcome, but donations to the Keizer Parks Foundation are firmly suggested to participate.

To find out how to get involved, email Parsons at ParsonsM@keizer.org.

The group also found out from Pantalone that they were underestimating the size of the CERT crew that will need to be on-hand during the event. Originally, Parsons suggested two volunteers during the day and one each evening.

Pantalone said that with up to eight people in each campsite – or more than 1,300 potential visitors – 20 CERT volunteers during the day was more reasonable. She indicated that would not be a problem for CERT, but that a donation to the organization would be appreciated.

In other eclipse event-related news:

• City Councilor Laura Reid helped secure McNary High School as a satellite parking lot for the event as well as a shuttle service to and from Keizer Rapids Park.

• The concert line-up for the weekend will feature Ty Curtis; DinaY Los Rumberos, a Cuban and international band; Harvest Gold, a Neil Young and folk rock tribute band; Syco Billy's, a Silverton-based bluegrass band; and violinist David Klinkenberg, a regular performer with Pink Martini.

Iris poster contest opens, KAA lines up May *Flowers* show

Entries are now being accepted for the annual Iris Festival poster contest.

The featured Iris for the 2018 Iris Festival Poster contest is "About Town." The Chamber of Commerce will select the winner for the poster and pins for the 2018 Iris Festival.

A $200 prize will be given to the winner. Poster contest entries may be any medium and must meet the requirements stated for the May, 2017 *Celebration of Flowers* show. The winning entry will be announced at the May 6 Artists' Reception held in the gallery from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Celebration of Flowers show is coming in May. It will be displayed in the Keizer Art Association Enid Joy Mount Gallery. Entries of any medium depicting flowers may be entered. Children ages 4 to 14 are encouraged to enter the show as well.

The intake is May 3 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the gallery. The artists' reception will be held May 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The guidelines for entries are as follows:

• All work must be original to the artist.

• All media are acceptable and it is open to all artists.

• Wall art must have a sturdy wire on the back to facilitate hanging in the gallery.

• Edges of unframed wall art must be suitably finished (no visible staples/jagged edges).

• 2-D work must not exceed 48 inches by 48 inches. 3-D work must be freestanding and less than 50 pounds.

• Jewelry and other small objects should be displayed in a secure, professional manner.

• Artwork exhibited in this gallery within the past two years is not acceptable.

• Up to three entries per artist are permitted.

• The entry back must have a card with artist's name, telephone number, media and piece name.

Submitted
The *About Town* iris is the official iris of the 2017 Iris Festival.

The exhibit is juried and ribbons will be awarded for best of show, first, second, and third place, as well as an honorable mention in each of the following categories: 2-D art, photography, 3-D art, and kids' art. A $50 award will be given to the artist of the best of show.

Members will pay an entry fee ranging from $10 to $25 depending on how many pieces are being entered and whether or not the piece will be displayed on two or three panels. Non-members will pay between $15 to $30, and youth will be required to pay a $5 entry fee. Commission fee for the sales is 60 percent to the artist and 40 percent to KAA.

After the show ends, the art that has been submitted can be picked up at the gallery on May 31 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. An entry form and fees must accompany the entries. Entry forms are available on the KAA website, www.keizerarts.com. For more information, call 503-390-3020.

KT on vacation

Submitted photo
Rich (and Patti) Beebe of Keizer, enjoyed a Valentine's overnighter with their *Keizertimes* at Oregon Garden Resort. It was a special treat provided by co-workers from Salem-Keizer Transit upon retirement.
You too can have your photo in the *Keizertimes*. Simply take the paper to your destination, snap a picture with you and your group holding it, and send the photo along with everyone's first and last names to kt@keizertimes.com.

Keizer Heritage Museum needs volunteers

The Keizer Heritage Museum is seeking volunteer hosts for two- and four-hour shifts. Two hours shifts are available on Tuesdays and Thursday; four-hour shifts are available on Saturdays.

The museum, which preserves Keizer's history dating back to the mid-19th century, hopes to extend museum hours, especially during summer months.

Duties of a museum host include asking visitors to sign in, answer questions about exhibits and the Heritage Building. New hosts will be trained.

To be considered for a host position contact the Keizer Heritage Center at 503-393-9660.

SPD citizen academy starts April 5

The Salem Police Department's 38th Citizens Police Academy begins April 5.

The academy is a chance for citizens to listen to presentations and demonstrations about police practices and services from officers and staff from various divisions within the department.

The program is 14 weeks long with classes held on Wednesday evenings with the exception of three Saturdays which will allow for special unit demonstrations.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, live or work in the Salem city limits, and also have the following: a valid driver's license, no felony convictions, and no misdemeanor arrests within 12 months prior to the academy.

The course is free, but to graduate, each student must attend at least 80 percent of the classes. Applications are available online at http://bit.ly/SalemCPA or by calling Salem Police volunteer coordinator Jennifer Hingston at 503-588-6499.

Only 20 spots are available, so any individuals interested should apply as soon as possible. The deadline is Mar. 29.

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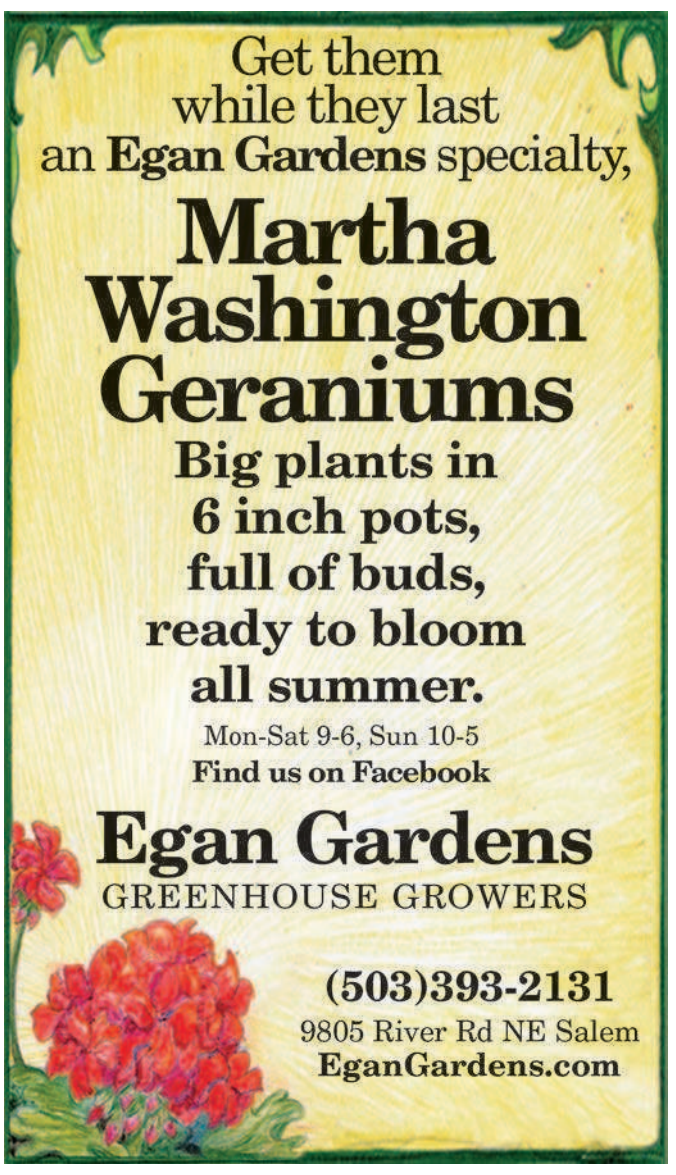

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