

Hop Jack's eyes late March opening in Keizer Station

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The Hop Jack's in Keizer Station has set its opening date for March 26.

Hops Jack's serves a wide variety of pub fare with an emphasis on cold beer and icy drinks, but the corporation behind the food has a much bigger vision, said Kevin Eggen, a Hop Jack's manager and son of the company founder.

"We sell burgers and fries and ice cold beer and icy drinks, but we call ourselves a development company," Eggen told the Keizer City Council Feb. 20. Eggen was in town to talk about the restaurant as the council prepared to recommend approval of a liquor license to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Eggen also offered details on the five fingers of Hop Jack's "helping hand" business practices.

For every drink and kids meal the restaurant sells, 50 cents is donated to a Good Neighbor Fund or a Kids Feed-

ing Kids program, respectively. The Good Neighbor Program offers assistance to employees and community members who are struggling financially. Eggen said the fund amassed \$80,000 last year that helped individuals cover expenses ranging from rent to funeral costs. The Kids Feeding Kids program donates to local charities and groups providing meals for students.

"I always tell customers that they can come in and have a beer and they don't have to tell their spouse or significant other that they were out drinking. They can tell them they were donating to charity," Eggen said.

The restaurant also offers takeover nights in partnership with groups looking for a fundraising opportunity. For a three-hour period, Hops Jack's will donate 20 percent of its net sales to the cause.

Hops Jack's also partners with Pepsi and the makers of its Bloody Mary mix, Demitri's, to offer scholarships for em-

ployees looking to advance within the company or elsewhere in the restaurant industry.

"A lot of people in our industry don't go to college, they come up through the restaurants and we try to help them attend college or culinary school. If an employee wants to be a server - and be a great server - we can do that for them, but we also want to help people grow if they want to do that," Eggen said.

The last "finger" on the helping hand is volunteerism. Eggen said the business encourages employees to go into schools and read to students, participate in the Relay for Life or simply walk dogs at the Humane Society among other labors.

Washington-based Hop Jack's was founded in 2009 and has already expanded to 17 locations. The Keizer location will be its second in Oregon.

"As you grow, you can lose sight of that community and we want to focus on the communities that we are in," Eggen said.

Hop Jack's hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight on Friday; 8 a.m. to midnight on Saturday; and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Sunday.



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The U.S. Congress passed an act to "prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States...from any foreign kingdom, place, or country." By the middle of the 18th century, slavery could be found in all 13 colonies and was at the core of the Southern colonies' agricultural economy. By the time of the American Revolution, the English importers alone had brought some three million captive Africans to the Americas.

— March 2, 1807

Food 4 Thought

"You can get help from teachers, but you are going to have to learn a lot by yourself, sitting alone in a room."

— Dr. Seuss, born March 2, 1904

The Month Ahead

Friday, March 2
Pentacle Theatre presents *Calendar Girls*, a comedy by Tim Firth, opening tonight. Runs through March 24. Visit pentacletheatre.org for show times and ticket prices.

Saturday, March 3
Healthy Living Gluten Free Expo, Cascade Hall at Oregon State Fairgrounds and Expo. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sample products and find new ones. livbars.com

Monday, March 5
Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

Wednesday, March 7
Enlightened Theatrics presents Larry Shue's *The Foreigner*, a modern comedic classic. Runs through March 25. Visit enlightenedtheatrics.org for show times and tickets.

Friday, March 9
Oregon Symphony in Salem's annual fund raising gala at Zenith Vineyards. Tickets are \$80 each, purchase by visiting orsymponysalem.org

Keizer YoungLife Annual Banquet, 6 to 8 p.m., Keizer Civic Center. \$38 per ticket or \$300 for a table. Tickets available at bit.ly/kyibanquet.

Keizer Homegrown Theatre presents its first production of 2018 in its new home at the Keizer Heritage Center, 980 Chemawa Rd. NE. *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon* turns your favorite fairy tales on their heads, including classics such as *Snow White*, *Cinderella* and more. Tickets are \$15. Visit keizerhomegrowntheatre.org for show dates, times and tickets.

Thursday, March 8
Traffic Safety, Bikeways and Pedestrian Committee meeting, 6 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

West Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

Saturday, March 10
Cherry City Roller Derby, Season 9, Bout 10: Rydell Belles vs Thrill Kill Kittens, 7 p.m. at The Mad House, 1335 Madison Street NE.

Sunday, March 11
In the Steps of Sousa. Elsinore Theatre, Salem. Elsinore Theatre, 3 p.m. Single tickets: premium seating is \$30; main floor/balcony seating is \$20; Students K-12 (main floor/balcony) are seated for \$10. Season tickets are available from Elsinore Theatre. salemconcertband.org

Monday, March 12
Keizer Long Range Planning Task Force meeting, 6 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

Tuesday, March 13
Keizer Chamber Luncheon 11:30 to 1 p.m. Agenda: State of the City Address by Mayor Cathy Clark. Register to attend at www.keizerchamber.com

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

The Willamette Valley Women's Military League holds its monthly lunch meeting at Great Wall Buffet (2875 Commercial St. SE), 11:15 a.m. The speaker is Gail Elliot Downs, author of *The Black Suitcase Mystery—A World War II Remembrance*. 503-589-9988.

Wednesday, March 14
Keizer Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m. Keizer Civic Center. On the agenda: a public hearing on the city's sign code regulations.

Friday, March 16 – Sunday, March 18
The 2018 Mid-Valley Yard, Garden and Home Show, Jackman-Long Building and Columbia Hall at Oregon State Fairgrounds and Expo. Hundreds of products and vendors with the latest in outdoor living, gardening trends, design ideas and more. Admission is free. For show times visit homebuildersassociation.org

KT on vacation



Submitted photo
After running the Maui Oceanfront 1/2 Marathon, Jacki Wolf, long time Keizer resident and subscriber of the Keizertimes, relaxed on Napili Bay, Maui. 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.

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amendment submitted by Gelsler has drawn stern rebuke from some sectors. Amendment -2, if approved for inclusion, would lower the age of consent to 12.

Brendan Murphy, a deputy district attorney for Marion County, wrote lowering the age of consent broadens potential harm from a public safety perspective.

"We do know that evidence of sexual activity such as promiscuity or hyper sexualized behavior in young children may be an indicator of abuse. That is why (the Oregon District Attorneys Association) is especially concerned with the -2 amendments, expanding a reasonable, narrow 'clarification' to children who are 12 and 13 engaged in sexual intercourse," Murphy wrote.

Patty Terzian, executive director of the Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers urged the committee to "slow down" and take up the issue of lowering the age of consent at a later date.

"We respectfully recommend not accepting that amendment at this current time until the consequences - intended or unintended - can be discussed more thoroughly by all those who have an interest in our children and youth being safe, healthy and successful," Terzian wrote.

Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer, chair of Liberty House's Committee on Human Services and Housing, offered the most full-throated opposition to the amendment.

"12-year-olds as a matter of

general physical and psychological development are ill-equipped to withstand the powerful influence of someone wanting to have sex with them. Reducing the age to 12 lays an indescribably heavy burden on the children of this state to recognize situations of unfair influence or manipulation," Keny-Guyer wrote.

Prior to the policy changes in October 2017, Salem-Keizer School District (SKSD) teachers were required to report incidences of suspected neglect or any type of abuse to the Department of Human Services. The new guidelines expand reporting to most sex-related issues. New instances that would require reporting include: a student inquiring about birth control options after admitting to sex with a partner; reports of a pregnancy; and a student confiding in a teacher after being kicked out of his home for divulging a sexually active, same-sex relationship.

Mindy Merritt, president of the Salem-Keizer Education Association, wrote that the change to SKSD policy pose the potential of adding to the problems associated with teen sex.

"If students believe that their doctors, counselors and educators must report any instance of sexual contact, the likely outcome is a reduction in safe places for students who are most at risk and in need of support," Merritt wrote.

Community garden seeks gardeners

The Rickman Community Garden, located behind the Keizer Civic Center, is now accepting applications for open beds.

Rent is \$15 annually for a 5-foot-by-10-foot raised bed. The garden is fenced and provides opportunities for families without space in their own yards to grow their own food. For more information, contact Peggy Moore at moore5881@comcast.net

or 503-304-2212 and leave a message with your name and contact number.

Current community garden participants will evaluate applications and assign slots as they become available.

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Star Wars: The Last Jedi (PG-13)
Fri 6:05 & 9:00; Sat 6:00 & 8:55; Sun 2:40*, 6:00 & 8:50

Justice League (PG-13)
Fri 8:45; Sat 7:00; Sun 7:50

Thor Ragnarok (PG-13)
Sat 9:20; Mon 4:00 & 5:50

Murder on the Orient Express (PG-13)
Sat 4:45; Sun 5:35; Mon 6:30

Pitch Perfect 3 (PG-13)
Sat 9:10; Sun 4:10

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Fri 7:55; Sat 6:30; Sun 7:15

Paddington 2 (PG)
Fri 2:00* & 4:00; Sat 11:30* & 2:10*; Sun 11:30* & 2:10*

Wonder (PG) Fri 4:15 & 6:30; Sat 12:00* & 3:45*; Sun 11:55* & 3:45*

Coco (PG) Fri 1:45*; 3:35*; 5:45; Sat 1:35*; 4:15; Sun 1:35*0

Ferdinand (PG) Fri 1:30*; Sat 12:30*; 2:35; Sun 12:30*

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5 YEARS AGO
Sunday Market is planned for Keizer
Starting June 2 and continuing every Sunday through Labor Day, the new Keizer Sunday Market will be held at Chalmers Jones Park, located just behind Keizer Civic Center at Chemawa Road.

10 YEARS AGO
CCMS dominates the mat
Claggett Creek Middle School's wrestling team went undefeated in nine meets and claimed the all-city title. This is the third year in a row the Panthers have clinched first place in the all-city meet.

15 YEARS AGO
Senator eyes porn filters for libraries
A bill proposed by Keizer's state senator that would require libraries to install filtering software to protect kids against internet pornography may be passed; but first amendment rights pose challenges in implementing the system.

20 YEARS AGO
Celtics have turned into 'Road Warriors'
Who needs the home court advantage? Certainly not the McNary boys basketball team. The Celtics finished the Valley League schedule with a decent 6-3 record at home, but went a perfect 9-0 in road games.