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SUMMER FAMILY MOVIE SERIES
\$1 KID MOVIES (M-F)
Jumanji (PG) August 13 - 17

LIVE STAND UP COMEDY
Lights, Comedy, Laughs!
Saturday, August 18

AUGGIE SMITH & BENJI WRIGHT
will perform at 7pm and 9pm. Admission is only \$10. Ages 21 & over only. Reserved seating for this show. Purchase tickets at box office or at our website.

Today in History

The electric guitar—the instrument that revolutionized jazz, blues and country music and made the later rise of rock and roll possible—was recognized by the United States Patent Office with the award of a patent G.D. Beauchamp for an instrument known as the Rickenbacker Frying Pan. Beauchamp, partner with Adolph Rickenbacher in the Electro String Instrument Corporation of Los Angeles spent more than five years pursuing his patent on the Frying Pan.

— August 10, 1937

Food 4 Thought

“It is a paradox that every dictator has climbed to power on the ladder of free speech. Immediately on attaining power each dictator has suppressed all free speech except his own.”

— *Herbert Hoover, 31st president of the United States.*
Born Aug. 10, 1874

The Week Ahead

Friday, August 10

Valvidia Entertainment Concert, 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Oregon State Fair Expo Center, 2330 17th St NE in Salem. Entrance is \$40.

Saturday, August 11

Englewood Forest Festival, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Englewood Park, 1260 19th Street NE in Salem. Free family-friendly art & environmental workshops.

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society meets Sat 12 Noon in Anderson Room A of Salem Public Library (585 Liberty St SE). Virginia Green will speak about “Women of Importance in Salem’s History.”

Keizertimes presents The Severin Sisters as part of the Free 2018 Summer Concert Series located at Keizer Rotary Amphitheater at Keizer Rapids Park. Gates open at 5 p.m., show starts at 6:30 p.m. Beer, Wine, & Spirits available from Santiam Brewing Company. Please no outside food or beverages. No pets allowed inside the amphitheater. For complete concert schedule go to Facebook.com/KRAORG. For more information, call (503) 910-3232.

Saturday Night Dance and Potluck. Featuring music by The Country Gents. Admission is \$5, 7 to 10 p.m. at Keizer/Salem Area Seniors, 930 Plymouth Drive NE.

Tuesday, August 14

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

Friday, August 17 – Saturday, September 8

Pentacle Theatre’s *The Savannah Sipping Society*. A light-hearted comedy that follows the lives and misadventures of four southern women. Pentacle Theatre 324 52nd Ave NW in Salem. Showtimes and tickets available at pentacletheatre.org

Friday, August 17

Showcase at the Park presented by Uptown Music. Keizer Rotary Amphitheater at Keizer Rapids Park. Performing will be Laura and Emily (duo), Alexis (solo), Black & Blue, and Red Spectre will close the show. Gates open at 5 p.m., show is 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Food and beverages will be sold at the concession stand. Please no outside food or beverages. No pets allowed inside the amphitheater.

Saturday, August 18

Rituals 2018 custom car and truck show, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Volcanoes Stadium, 6700 Field of Dreams Way NE.

20th Annual McNary Estates Garage Sale, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers will be accepting donations for Marion-Polk Food Share at each entrance. Every home participating in the sale will pay a \$20 fee which will be donated to Keizer Police Department and Keizer Fire District. Last year, over \$1,200 cash was raised and over a ton of food was donated.

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Richard Gilewitz live performance. Fingerstyle guitarist Richard Gilewitz kicks off his West Coast tour with a performance at Uptown Music, 3827 River Road N. Starts at 7 p.m. Free, but reservations are suggested. Contact Paul Elliot at 503-393-4437 for more information.

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OUTSIDE: ‘This is about supporting people’

(Continued from Page A1) whether kids know it exists and can reference it is another thing altogether,” she said. “And we have a lot of training around making this a key priority.”

It’s also important to note, Gelsler said, that the Sibling Bill of Rights applies not just to foster families, but also to adoptive parents. Gelsler is a mother of four children, two of whom are adoptees. She said understanding the importance of biological family is important even once the adoption papers are signed.

“You can have these perfectly loving, nurturing, happy adoptive families but that doesn’t take away the questions you have about your roots and where you come from,” Gelsler said. “I don’t think a child or an adult can ever have too many people in their lives to love them. We need to do a better job of really educating adoptive parents about that, especially kids

that are being adopted out of foster care.”

Both of her adoptive children have contact with their biological families. One of her daughters, who was brought into the Gelsler household under an open adoption, has had contact with her birth family throughout her life. Her other adopted daughter had a closed adoption, but just connected with her birth father through the Oregon Adoption Search and Registry.

“I want my kids to be happy and whole and feel solid and grounded in who they are and I don’t think there’s anything threatening at all about other people who care about and love my kids, and that my kids care about and love,” Gelsler said. “Love grows.”

Gelsler is also involved with the newest national foster-care reform legislation, the Family First Act, as chair of the Family First Implementation and Policy Work Group at the State Capitol. This act was

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The Oregon foster care system is “about one and a half times [larger than] what you’d see in other states,” Bellatty said. “So, it’s about downsizing as much as possible without putting kids at risk.”

The predictive analytics should help DHS employees prioritize which youth are at risk when a child welfare case is reported, allowing DHS employees to focus on youth who are actually in need of state resources.

The second project, which is currently in the process of reviewing 2500 child welfare cases statewide to better understand what types of youth who enter the foster care system and which types of foster care are in most need of state attention. The goal of that project is to understand what type of care is best for the types of young people in care. This project also analyzes the outcomes of different child welfare services to see which programs suit which type of family best, so families can be better paired with DHS programs.

The third and fourth projects seek to ease the burden on caseworkers. The projects seek to collect data to understand where caseworkers’ time isn’t being utilized as effectively as it could, find the “optimum case-load” size for caseworkers, and to discover the factors that cause

caseworkers to quit their jobs. To address the latter concern, DHS is researching whether the main problem is recruitment or retention: are the wrong people being recruited as caseworkers, or is there not enough support to retain good caseworkers? Or is it a combination of both? To answer to these questions, DHS will send out regular surveys to new and continuing caseworkers to find out what caseworkers need on the job and why those who choose to quit make that decision. That way, DHS can lessen turnover and create a better environment for caseworkers.

The fifth project is about foster parent recruitment and retention. This project seeks to understand foster parent burn-out, provide better training and services to foster parents to keep them in the system, and to recruit foster families that can better serve the needs of youth in the system. To learn more about DHS’s foster parent retention and recruitment efforts, see sidebar.

All of these research projects are in progress, and all have concrete implementation goals to achieve once the research and data collection period ends. The goal isn’t just to horde data; the goal is to make the lives of children in the system better.

“We’re going to do a better job of serving [foster youth]. Child safety is what it’s all about,” Bellatty said.

looking back in the KT

5 YEARS AGO

A group of McNary students is making a movie

Nick Wolfert and Levi Heinrichs, along with a group of friends who dub themselves “The Pathetic 7” are shooting a movie called *The Adventure Movie*. The movie, featuring actors from the McNary drama program, will premier at the Keizer Rotary Amphitheater.

10 YEARS AGO

Windows at McNary shot out

A janitor arrived early Friday morning to find three large windows near the front of the school shot out with a small-caliber firearm.

15 YEARS AGO

Keizer boy recovers from near drowning

A 6-year old Keizer boy, Baely Scott nearly drowned July 31 while swimming in the pool at the WMCA mini-camp at Silver Creek Falls. He was LifeFlighted to Doernbecher and released after he was able to breathe on his own without a machine. His parents are optimistic their son will make a full recovery.

20 YEARS AGO

Keizer tot wins coloring contest

Dakota Bovee, 3, of Keizer recently won the 0-4 age group in the Oregon Watersheds coloring contest held at the Summer in the City in Salem.

signed into national law in February of this year, and will go into full effect in October 2019. This law reallocates federal funds toward preventative services for parents, and away from group foster care, which often produces unsuccessful outcomes for foster youth.

The impetus of this law is that state agencies and child-care providers receive federal funding to take care of foster youth. Now that the law has been handed down from the federal level, state legislators need to figure out how to comply with it in their states.

“Right now, that [federal] money can only be spent on foster care maintenance, but now we’re going to be able to use that money for prevention services, for parent coaching, for therapy, for substance abuse treatment—all the kinds of things that will help families avoid abuse and neglect and hopefully safely reduce the need for foster care,” Gelsler said.

The shift toward preventative services seeks to address the increasing number of youth entering foster care, which is a factor in the current “crisis.” If the state can

do a better job of supporting families before they reach their own crisis point, then the state will not have to be the deciding factor in a young person’s future success.

“That’s what I see my primary focus as a legislator and a community member is strengthening, modernizing, and improving our child welfare system and empowering youth to be the ones that lead that change,” Gelsler said. “The work is not done, I’d say it’s barely started, but I’m excited about where we’re going. It’s one of the most important things that we can do.”

In addition to changing laws and policy, Gelsler emphasizes the importance of community in supporting people in general, even if their children aren’t in foster care.

“Parenting is hard. Families and relationships are hard. The more that we can all take responsibility for each other, when we see someone struggling in the store, a neighbor struggling down the street, how can we offer to help?” Gelsler said. “A lot of this is about supporting people to be successful.”

DHS emphasizing family retention

In the face of a heightened need for foster parents in Oregon, the Department of Human Services is employing a three-pronged strategy: recruiting more foster parents, retaining the foster parents currently in the system, and using a customer service approach in all their interactions.

“That’s a different approach from the past,” said Billy Cordero, who hesitantly claims the title DHS expert on foster parent

retention and recruitment. For the past five years, he’s directed the Growing Resources and Alliances through Collaborative Effort, or GRACE project, a pilot program designed to improve DHS’s relationship with new and continuing foster families. GRACE expires in September, but Cordero wants to take the lessons learned from testing the data-informed, customer service model in Southern and Central Oregon and apply them to statewide policy.

The GRACE project took data on the young people in foster care in different areas in

their range and used that data to create targeted messages for prospective foster parents to better serve the youth in the system already. For example, certain districts have higher numbers of LGBT+ identifying youth, minority youth, or sibling groups, and the GRACE project is marketing those needs as opposed to a general call for foster homes.

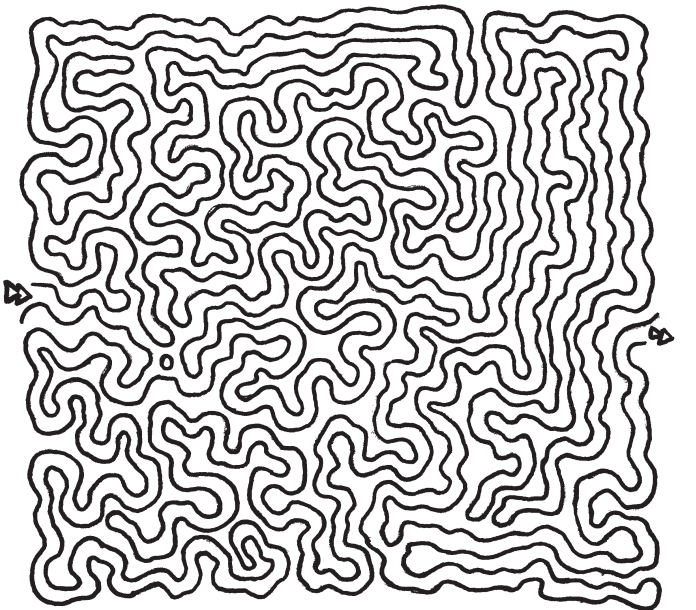
“We’re trying to use that info to motivate people to say yes to foster care,” Cordero said.

To better collect the data necessary for this task and implement better recruitment strategies, Cordero wants to see DHS add employees in foster parent recruitment-focused roles, something that doesn’t currently exist.

Aside from recruitment, retention is one of the main focuses of DHS in maintaining their foster parent population and keeping experienced foster families in the fold.

“Retention is key,” said Cordero, adding: “We want them to feel a part of the team.”

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Maze by Jonathan Graf of Keizer

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Web Poll Results

Are all your pets spayed or neutered?

93% – Yes
7% – No

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIE TIMES

Avengers Infinity War (PG-13)
Fri 12:35, 8:20, Sat 12:25, 3:10, 6:00, Sun 12:40, 3:30

Deadpool 2 (R)
Fri 6:45, 8:30, Sat 6:45, 9:15, Sun 8:40

Oceans 8 (PG-13)
Fri 6:20, Sat 2:40, 5:00, 7:10, Sun 12:00, 6:30, 8:00

Overboard (PG-13)
Fri 3:25, Sat 2:05

Show Dogs (PG)
Fri 12:50, Sat 12:50

Solo: Star Wars (R)
Fri 1:10, 3:45, 5:50, Sat 12:00, 2:30, Sun 12:15, 2:50, 5:30

Tag (R)
Fri 9:00, Sat 9:05

Book Club (PG-13)
Sat 4:45, Sun 8:30

Sicario 2 (R)
Sat 8:45, Sun 6:10

Adrift (PG-13)
Sun 4:15

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