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**Five Feet Apart (PG-13)**  
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**SATURDAY, MAY 4**  
**Wonder Park (PG)**  
11:00 AM  
TICKETS ARE JUST \$4  
SPECIAL SHOWING FOR KIDS AND ADULTS WITH AUTISM OR OTHER SENSORY SENSITIVITIES.

# HOMELESS,

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a new Continuum of Care (COC) alliance with Polk and Yamhill Counties as well as the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde.

COC development is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to qualify for funding at the federal level. That funding can assist with everything from construction of affordable housing to domestic violence and addiction services and healthcare for the homeless.

Marion and Polk counties once operated under their own COC, but the administrative duties were mostly handled by non-profits. In an effort to ease the burden of administrative duties, local leaders opted to join the ROCC in 2012. It was a decision that flew under the radar of local elected officials, but it's had a devastating effect on the federal money available to serve the local homeless population.

"I had been a commissioner eight years when it happened and I was not aware of it until 2018," Carlson said.

The main handicap that arose from Marion County being lumped in with the ROCC is that, even when major strides are being made

# Long road to independence might make for better services

By ERIC A. HOWALD  
Of the Keizertimes

Even if the leaders on the Mid-Willamette Valley Homelessness Initiative get backing from local elected leaders to form a new Continuum of Care (COC), the road ahead is a long one.

The soonest local leaders could apply for the change is this October. If approved, the new COC administration could compete for federal funds in March 2020. Allocations would be announced in December 2020 and then the money would be released to the organization in spring 2021.

"What we are trying to do now is get all the pieces in place so we can compete for the federal funding. We will still need local jurisdictions to contribute until then," said Janet Carlson, a former Marion County

Commissioner and now consultant to the effort.

Even if all the dominoes line up right, it might not mean more money to combat homelessness on the local front, but Carlson said the money is only part of the equation.

"This is about doing services better," she said. The idea is that with better regional strategic planning, guided by the public health officials at the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, there will be less overlap of services and fewer loopholes for those struggling with homelessness to fall through.

"It's about getting everybody rowing in the same direction, getting the outcomes you desire from the investment," Carlson said.

## Today in History

The Salk polio vaccine field trials, involving 1.8 million children, begin at the Franklin Sherman Elementary School in McLean, Virginia. On April 12, 1955, researchers announced the vaccine was safe and effective and it quickly became a standard part of childhood immunizations in America. In the ensuing decades, polio vaccines would all but wipe out the highly contagious disease in the Western Hemisphere.  
— April 26, 1954

## Food 4 Thought

"Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world."  
— Lucille Ball, died April 26, 1989

## The Month Ahead

### Continuing through Saturday, May 4

Pentacle Theatre presents Del Shores' *Yellow*, a mature drama about a southern family. Visit pentacletheatre.org for show times and tickets.

### Friday, April 26

Enlightened Theatrics presents *The Odd Couple, Female Version* by Neil Simon, at Salem's Grand Theater. Visit enlightenedtheatrics.org for show times and tickets. Performances through May 19.

The Mid-Valley Literacy Center presents Spotlight on Literacy, an opportunity for supporters to come together and recognize the past year's accomplishments and recognize the progress made by students. The event will be held at Creekside Golf Club, 6250 Clubhouse Dr SE, Salem. The VIP event starts at 5 p.m. and the dinner program starts at 6 p.m. Dinner and program tickets are \$50 or \$500 per table.

McNary Vocal Project will present Avi Kaplan's Honor Choir Festival for two performances (6 p.m. and 8 p.m.) in Ken Collins Theatre. The former Pentatonix member will be backed by a 300 member choir. Tickets are \$20, available at mcnary-theatre.ticketleap.com; proceeds benefit McNary's choir programs.

### Saturday and Sunday, April 28-28

The 2019 Oregon Ag Fest will be held at the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$9 for ages 13 and up and free for children 12 and under, available at the door. Advance tickets available at eventbrite.com, or at any Wilco Farm Store.

### Tuesday, April 30

Keizer Budget Committee meeting, 6 p.m., Keizer Civic Center, 980 Chemawa Road N.E.

### Wednesday, May 1

The Elsinore Theatre will show *Raiders of the Lost Ark* with two showings. The first show egis at 2 p.m. and the second is at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at elsinoretheatre.com.

Keizer Parks Forum on Carlson Skate Park renovations, 6 p.m. Meeting will start at the skate park behind city hall and then move to the city hall lobby for more formal talk. 980 Chemawa Road N.E.

### Thursday, May 2

The 21st Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Keizer Civic Center to celebrate National Day of Prayer. The event is non-denominational and all are welcome to participate. You can register at keizerchamber.com. Bring peanut butter to benefit Marion-Polk Food Share.

**FRIENDS!** *The Musical Parody*, 7:30 p.m., Historic Elsinore Theatre. The show is a comedic musical that pokes fun at TV's *Friends*. Recommended for mature audiences. Tickets range from \$17 to \$49. elsinoretheatre.com.

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Keizer city councilors asked hard questions about how local leaders approach combating homelessness at a work session Monday, April 22.

Jimmy Jones, executive director of the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, fielded them without batting an eye.

Councilor Dan Kohler said some constituents asked him when enough was enough given the large amounts on money spent on homeless nationwide over the past five decades.

"In my experience, almost everyone I talk to wants assistance," said Jones. "10 percent of the [homeless] population are difficult to house, 10 percent will never be housed on their own and 80 percent are somewhere in between or transitionally homeless."

Jones wants local government officials to rethink the entire approach and focus on the 10 percent that are chronically homeless and in need of wraparound services.

"Taking care of that 10 percent is a sizable chunk of the ones initiating the most complaints. The top 100 most dire individuals can cost the community \$100,000 annually in emergency services and doesn't include court costs and jail. It costs an extraordinary amount of money to not

house this population," Jones said. He added the homeless population is more visible now because the overall population is much larger than when government first began attempting to combat homelessness.

City Manager Chris Eppley asked whether the fundamental approach to serving the homeless is flawed given the lack of success in curbing the problem. Jones said the traditional approach has been to house the individuals most open to rapid rehousing. It makes the outcomes look good on paper and elicits positive response from the community, but it doesn't get to the heart of the problem, he said.

"We haven't had our priorities straight and that comes from private organizations and legislative direction that emphasize to specific segments of the population, such as veterans, families and youth," Jones said.

Kohler asked whether creating safety net of services would only attract more homeless individuals to the area as word spreads.

As part of the work the

CAA is doing, Jones is tracking where individuals were born and how long they've been in the community. "Many of them weren't born here, but you could walk into the grocery store and find out the same thing about the customers there," he said. "Virtually none of the homeless in our area were born in this community, but when I asked them how long they've been in this area, almost all of them have been here 10 to 15 years. And they weren't homeless when they arrived here," Jones said.

When it came to the matter of Marion County and its neighbors breaking away from

less population in the country and the 10th largest chronically homeless population.

"We've been bearing the battle for the day and haven't been able to take the investments we are making and spin them up the way we should be to meet the need of the community," said Mayor Cathy Clark. Clark was one of the original members of the Homelessness Initiative.

The city council will take up a resolution on the establishment of a new COC in the near future.

# Jones fields tough questions on approach to homelessness

"We haven't had our priorities straight."

— Jimmy Jones  
CAA exec. director

looking back in the KT

### 5 YEARS AGO

Note by note young maestro impresses McNary High School sophomore Hyrum Kohler can do something few others can replicate. Have him stand with his back to a piano and play a note of your choosing. he can turn around and replicate it with no other auditory or visual reference.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Outside groups sought to run new city assets Two groups are proposed to operate the amphitheater at Keizer Rapids Park and the community center at the new civic center.

### 15 YEARS AGO

New water well set to pump into Clear Lake area Keizer's newest well will come online April 30.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Street costs may bite into classroom money The cost of pushing a street through the new school site in south Keizer could force school officials to trim classrooms from the new buildings, according to school officials.

## CORRECTION

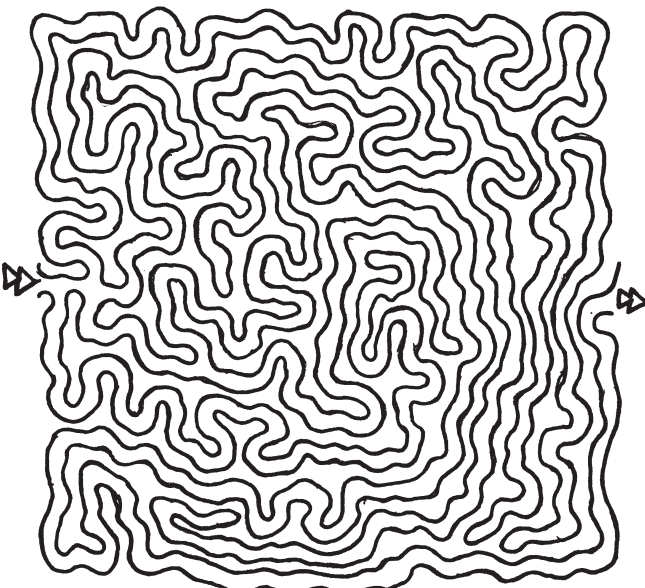
A story in the April 19 edition of the *Keizertimes* contained an error in story titled *City will re-examine caretaker role at KRP*. The story stated members of the Charge family lived in one of the houses in the park until their time of death. Charge family members left the house when it was taken over by the city.

## sudoku

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## maze



Maze by Jonathan Graf of Keizer

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**THIS WEEK'S MOVIE TIMES**

**Alita Battle Angel (PG-13)**  
Fri 7:50, Sat 6:10, 8:30  
Sun 6:10, 8:30

**Mary Poppins Returns (PG)**  
Sat 12:20,

**Green Book (PG-13)**  
Fri 8:40, Sun 4:50

**Isn't it Romantic (PG-13)**  
Fri 9:05, Sat 6:45, 8:55, Sun 8:20

**Lego Movie 2 (PG)**  
Fri 12:00, 4:20  
Sat 2:45  
Sun 2:50

**Kid (R)**  
Sat 4:45, Sun 6:25

**Wonder Park (PG)**  
Fri 12:20, 2:15  
Sat 12:40, 2:25  
Sun 12:40, 4:35

**The Upside (PG-13)**  
Fri 6:45, Sat 8:40, Sun 7:20

**They Shall Not Grow Old (R)**  
Fri 4:00, Sat 4:15, Sun 12:20

**Five Feet Apart (PG-13)**  
Fri 2:00, 6:25,  
Sat 6:40, Sun 2:20

**How to Train Dragon (PG)**  
Fri 11:40, 1:40, 3:40, 5:45,  
Sat 12:00, 2:00, 4:00,  
Sun 12:00, 2:00, 4:05

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