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**Student Night**  
**EVERY THURSDAY!**  
All Ages Movies in Theatre #3.

# WATCH,

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Another neighbor was a Salem police officer who would let Kuhns and other kids explore his patrol car. Yet another neighbor, Dr. Peter Batten, was the county medical examiner for more than three decades. Batten watched as Kuhns' interest grew and invited him to attend autopsies on two occasions – the first was a run-of-the-mill death, the second was part of a criminal investigation.

Kuhns' intended to study accounting when he enrolled in college, and follow in his father's footsteps, but he learned fairly quickly that he wasn't a match for the role. He ended up studying criminal justice at Chemeketa Community College and joined the reserve officer pool at Independence Police Department.

When KPD put out a call for new recruits, Kuhns submitted his application – alongside 700 others. He and current KPD Chief John Teague were two of nine candidates selected.

For Kuhns, city policing “was the best of all worlds and you had a lot of assistance around if you need it.”

Within a short amount of time, Kuhns was making his way through the ranks. His first major stop was the detective squad with longtime partner John Troncoso. Kuhns said it was the most rewarding of all the roles.

“You are responsible for the most serious crimes and, if you can solve those crimes, the individuals who were harmed are so appreciative. Whether it's a hug after a trial, a Christmas card that arrives on the regular each December or someone making a point of stopping by to wish you happy holidays,” he said.

The most fun was that of patrol sergeant where he got to supervise all the most serious calls and assign and direct his unit without the load of additional paperwork. He was promoted to captain in 2003 and his work became primarily administrative, but he was still able to respond to calls regularly given the relatively small size of the Keizer police force.

Kuhns' most difficult day was Dec. 12, 2008, and it wasn't even the result of a Keizer police incident. It was the day two men placed a bomb outside a Woodburn bank and it later detonated killing two

## Acting troupe hosting youth camps

Enlighten Theatrics will begin their 2019 youth and teen summer camps in late July and early August.

The location of the camps are yet to be decided, but will be somewhere in the downtown Salem area.

Their Youth Summer Camp will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. from Monday, August 5 through Friday, August 9. In this camp, students will learn the fundamentals of musical theatre including acting, singing and dancing. On the final day of the camp, there will be a recital for friends and family at the Salem's Historic Grand Theatre.

The Teen Summer Camp will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. from Monday, July 29 to Thursday, August 22. Students in this camp will spend four weeks developing their acting, singing and dancing skills. At the end of the camp students will do four performances of Honk JR on the Salem's Historic Grand Theatre Stage.

The price for the Youth Camp is \$100 and the price for the Teen Camp is \$395. Scholarships are available and can be applied for during registration. To register, and to learn more about the camps, visit enlightentheatrics.org.

officers and injuring a third.

Kuhns was part of Marion County's Homicide Assault Response Team at the time and one of more than 250 investigators assigned to the crime. He knew all three of the officers involved in the explosion.

“That was one of the worst things I ever saw, two fellow brothers being killed over a attempted bank robbery,” he said.

The craziest day of his career occurred when he was a detective. A message came in over his pager from Troncoso to get to a radio. D&D Jewelry on River Road had been robbed by two armed men. The owner shot one of them as they fled and wounded him.

A few minutes later, another call came in that there was an explosion and vehicle fire at an apartment complex not far from the jewelry store.

“We had no idea if the two were connected, but we figured out pretty quickly that they were,” Kuhns said. The witness that connected the incidents was in kindergarten.

“Part of my job was canvassing and talking to people who might have seen what happened. After we got the fire out, I noticed a kid sitting on the steps and went over to talk to him,” Kuhns said. “He said, ‘I saw the whole thing.’”

The boy had seen two men get out of the now-destroyed vehicle and leave with a third man in a red sports car. When Kuhns asked him if he noticed anything else, the boy told him that the driver of the second vehicle had been in the parking lot for a while and gotten out of his car to throw something away in a community trash bin.

“He also told me it would be the only thing in it since the garbage man came earlier that day,” Kuhns said.

Kuhns walked over to the bin and opened the lid. Its only contents were a cast-off bag from Fred Meyer. The third suspect had picked up chicken fingers and jojos earlier that morning. In addition to time stamps on the packaging that let police track movement, investigators also got a fingerprint off the bag.

The men who robbed the store used a bomb to blow up their getaway vehicle as a distraction.

## looking back in the KT

### 5 YEARS AGO

Fair deal: Bob's Burger is being brought back. Gina Dankenbring, owner of the Golden Grill Concessions company that temporarily operated The Dog House location at River Road and Dietz Avenue in Keizer early last year, recently announced an agreement to bring back Bob's Burger express to the Oregon State Fair in August.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Four sites proposed near Keizer Station for transit

The focus of a transit center siting is on Keizer Station, and transit officials invited the public to give their input on four possible sites there.

### 15 YEARS AGO

KLL teams prep for all-star tournament. The Keizer Little League all-star teams will be competing throughout the coming week in the District 7 All-star tournament.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Tips for a spectacularly safe holiday celebration. Fireworks stands along River Road are doing brisk business this week, suggesting that many Keizer neighborhoods will have dazzling light shows on the Forth. Keizer Fire District officials are reminding residents to celebrate safely — and legally.

“Police caught up with the guys in Portland and the whole thing ended with a wreck on Interstate 205. One of the guys had a bullet in his shoulder that he couldn't explain,” Kuhns said.

While both the bombing and the robbery/explosion stand out most during his long career, Kuhns said the changes in policing, starting with Tucker's defusing of the runaway situation, are welcome ones.

“We look at the incidents more holistically. Officers are taking a lot more factors into account and looking at the impacts down the line and whether the act itself deserves all those other consequences,”

Kuhns said. “That's not a soft-on-crime approach, it's a professional one. The people we meet might be having the worst day of their life and we try to be as helpful as we can.”

As Kuhns, and several others with equal time on the job, leave KPD, he's been happy to be part of handing the organization over to a new generation.

“They are excellent human beings with big hearts. I admire them more than anybody because they are the ones raising their hands and saying I want to do this. Even after all that's gone on, they want to be part of the solution — be part of the community — and help,” Kuhns said.

# ‘That was a very, very dark time’

## Kuhns' on the reign of Chief Charles Stull

By ERIC A. HOWALD  
Of the Keizertimes

Jeff Kuhns, aside from having been one of the longest serving Keizer Police Department employees, also lived through one of the department's most tumultuous eras.

Charles Stull was the chief from the time Kuhns was hired until he was removed from the post by the Keizer City Council in 1997.

Trouble had been brewing for some time, but concerns about his management style were aired publicly after a council-ordered, two-month investigation by a retired DEA agent.

“He had some good qualities and he had some terrible qualities. I remember telling myself I would not do things the way he did them,” Kuhns said. Kuhns himself had been on the receiving end of verbal abuses.

The final report — 133 pages and six volumes of supporting documentation

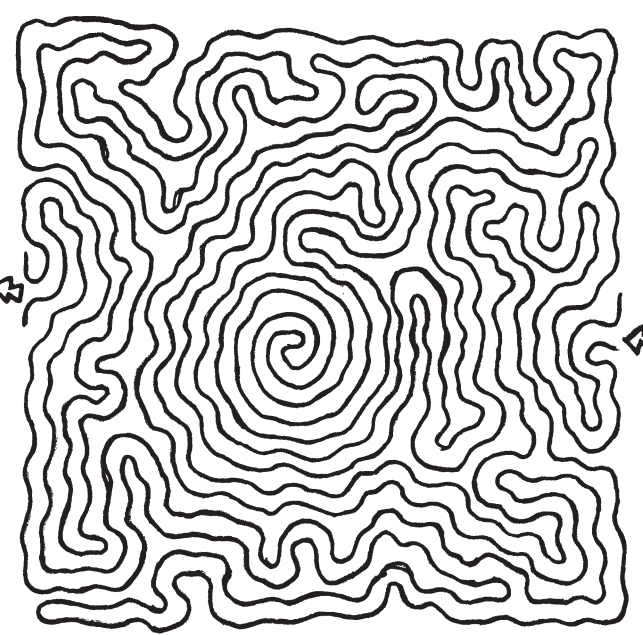
— shed light on a litany of offensive behavior. Stull was accused of sexual harassment, verbal harassment, intimidation of officers and placing officers at risk. In just a two specific examples, he was found to have voided citations for friends and acquaintances and attempted to place undercover officers at risk by requiring them to wear uniforms. The latter was in retaliation for a grievance filed by those in the department.

Stull ordered the Keizer Police Association Union to hold a vote on support of him and, instead, the union voted against Stull. That was followed by a vote of no confidence. The council voted to remove Stull from his post in a 6-1 vote, the only vote against the action came from a councilor whose relatives had a citation voided by Stull.

Kuhns cooperated with the investigation, but that alone was an act of courage.

“There were those who didn't believe the investigation would work, but I trusted the system,” Kuhns said. “That was a very, very dark time. It was difficult to get through, but we came out of it better.”

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