

THE END OF AN ERA



Dr. Vern Casterline (KEIZERTIMES/File)



Ray and Louise Boucher (Photo courtesy Boucher family)

Vern Casterline, Ray and Louise Boucher remembered

By ERIC A. HOWALD
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Vern Casterline wasn't striving to become a centenarian, but as he was about to pass the 100-year mile post, in 2017, *Keizertimes* asked him what the secret is to longevity.

"Pick good ancestors," he quipped.

Casterline, who passed Oct. 16, was one of three Keizer pioneers to pass in the past two weeks. Ray Boucher, who founded Boucher Jewelers on River Road North, passed

away Oct. 12. Louise Boucher, Ray's wife, passed away Oct. 21.

Keizertimes spoke to Ray and Louise in 2013 as Boucher Jewelers marked its 60th anniversary.

"At the time, nothing was out here," Ray said. "There were just some orchards and a service station on the corner. We had no inventory. I did clock and watch repair. I was doing it for what few customers we had, plus for other stores. That kept us going the

first few years."

Times were so tight, that even paying for medicine for their three sons, Ron, Jeff and Steve, threatened to put the kibosh on the jewelry business.

They tried many things to keep the business afloat, including a free beef giveaway that became a Keizer tradition for a while. Louise was still tickled that it took off.

"It was kind of corny at first," she said.

Three years prior to the Bouchers opening their jewel-

ry store, in 1950, Vern opened Keizer's first doctor's office. He borrowed heavily to purchase the equipment he needed, but the dearth of medical practitioners in the area helped him pay it all off within a year.

Casterline was on hand for the birth of generations of Keizer families and became the first team doctor for the McNary High School Celtics.

"Dr. Casterline delivered me as well as two of my children. He was a kind man and a wonderful doctor," said Mary

Brenneman.

Both Vern and Ray were founding members of the Keizer Merchants Association and active members of the Rotary Club of Keizer. A space where their work was felt for another generation.

"Ray was so welcoming to me at the Keizer Rotary in 1986 when I was an exchange student," said Cathy Walker Kerr.

Casterline retired in 1986, the Bouchers followed in

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Tricks and treats abound



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Emma Green, 9, of Veneta, searches for pumpkins during a school field trip to E.Z. Orchards in Salem.

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Spooks and scares are just around the corner when Halloween arrives. In the meantime, local merchants and organizations are cooking up some fun for everyone.

Friday, Oct. 25

Boo Fest Family Halloween Carnival, at Salem Gymnastics Center, 2775 19th Street S.E., Salem, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per child. General entry receives five game tickets with prizes (all games are one ticket each) costume and coloring contest, and one bag of candy. Doors open at 5:30. For more information visit tinyurl.com/yy83e68d.

Halloween Bingo at the

Center 50+, 2615 Portland Road N.E., Salem, tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door, for more information visit tinyurl.com/yxuncyul.

Saturday, Oct. 26

Tony's Kingdom of Comics and Collectibles Horrorween Comicfest, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., at Tony's Kingdom of Comics and Collectibles, 3856 River Road N. Disney Artist William Langley will be signing artwork and telling tales of his days working at Disney studios. The Cherry City Bombers invite all cars to come out and decorate their trunks. The event is free but non-perishable food donations are requested.

Children's Halloween Party

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Residents seek to revive OSTA at McNary Oaks

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Residents of McNary Oaks Mobile Villa are pushing ahead with attempts to reinvigo-

rate its chapter of the Oregon State Tenants Association (OSTA). On Friday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m., Rita Loberger, current OSTA president, will be talking with residents at the park clubhouse about their rights as homeowners within the park. McNary Oaks residents have an existing charter dating back about a decade, but regular meetings fell by the wayside some time

ago.

"Having an OSTA chapter in every park is to the benefit of the residents," Loberger said. "We want them to know their rights and responsibilities under the law and that is what we teach."

Loberger said topics planned for the night include what exactly homeowners are responsible for and what they can expect as far as leasing whether they are month-to-month or signed up for a longer term.

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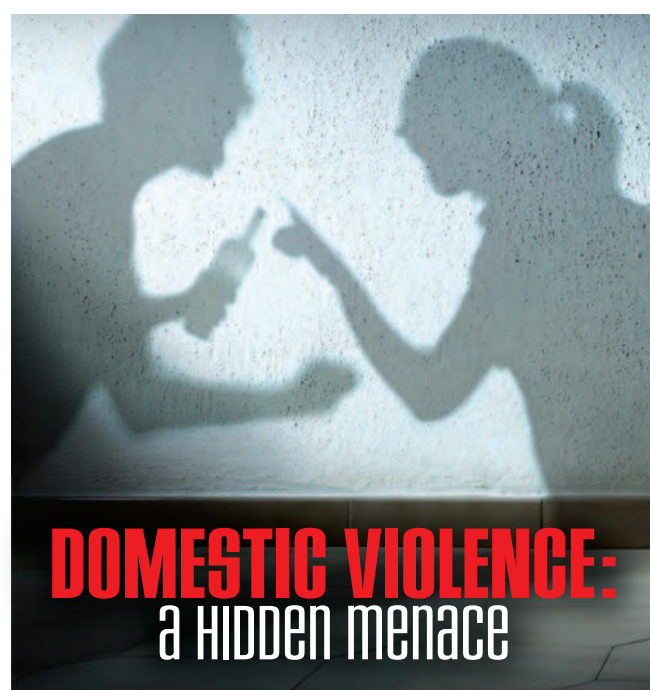
For KPD, lives saved offset the burden of paperwork

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Reading over the Keizer Police Department's (KPD) Domestic Violence Assessment form is a quick, harrowing descent into the dark side of humanity.

Any document that identifies victims and suspects at the outset makes its intentions known quickly, but the questions that follow only get more troublesome. These are just a few:

- Has the suspect ever threatened you or used a weapon against you?
- Has the suspect ever choked, strangled or restricted your breathing?
- Has physical violence increased in severity or frequency?
- Does the suspect control your daily activities?



- Has the suspect forced you to have sex?

Whenever Keizer officers run on a domestic violence call, they attempt to have the victim complete the form. The more a victim answers questions in the affirmative, the more concern grows. The questions arose out of a statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team that regularly reviews domestic violence incidents that end in death. It might be a traumatic

form to read and complete, but Lt. Andrew Copeland is certain it's saved lives.

"There's been a couple times that I was certain that a particular guy is so power and control hungry that is soon as he loses it, he's going to kill the family," Copeland said.

The portion of the questionnaire that addresses personal safety has a grim name

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