

Getting to know our neighbors

Reporter Lauren Murphy has been visiting Keizer's retirement communities with the purpose of getting to know some of our seniors, the lives they've lived and what they are up to now.

Marlene Brown

Marlene Brown was married to her husband, Richard, for a year before he received orders to go to England where they lived for two years. They also traveled to Germany and Austria later in life. The two settled in Keizer and lived here for 38 years. When her husband of 55 years passed away in 2016 she moved to Avamere Court at Keizer. She quilts with St. Edward Catholic Church on Tuesdays; over her lifetime she's made 20 full quilts, one of which was donated to a Veteran Affairs fundraiser.



Donald Hernandez

Donald Hernandez was born in England. Early on in life, he and his mother came to America through Ellis Island on the Queen Mary and settled in Chicago. He worked for the Chicago Police Department after he graduated from high school, but left when he got drafted. After getting out of the service he went to school and got a degree in finance. He got hired in Medford as a state trooper and moved to Oregon. He transferred to the Salem Police Department, and then retired in 2000. He worked as a bodyguard for Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber after retiring from the Salem Police. He said he'd been married twice and currently has a girlfriend.

Charlotte Bradshaw

Charlotte Bradshaw stayed home with her children until her youngest was in the sixth grade. After that she went back to work as a file clerk for the State of Oregon at the age of 62. She said that she ended up going up and down the stairs to the basement to get older files about five times a day, "I think the first month I thought I was gonna die," she said with a laugh. By the time she retired she was supervising 17 people, one of whom she ran into in the elevator while touring Avamere. After retiring she and her late husband spent their time just having fun.



Fran Bunch



Fran Bunch started off as the owner of a beauty shop. An unfortunate car accident led to a change in careers, she went to college and got a degree in human resources. After graduating she worked for a middle school in special education. Upon moving to Avamere she found out that both her husband and Charlotte Bradshaw's husband worked together. She also remembered meeting Hernandez before they lived at Avamere. She and her husband enjoyed square dancing and were part of a national square dance convention in Portland.

Robert Graf

Robert Graf was raised on a farm "seven miles northwest of Beaverton," an area he said is now suburban housing. He spent three years at Oregon State and then joined the Reserve Corps, which was activated. He was a combat engineer, his first deployment was for two and a half years in the Philippines. After he got out of the service he got a degree from Caltech. He married his wife, who was from Salem, which led to their eventual relocation to south Salem, where they lived for 30 years. After his first retirement he worked in the Department of Revenue for the state of Oregon. He retired from that and he and his wife moved to what is now known as Avamere.



Paula Davis

Paula Davis is a retired registered nurse. She worked at Salem Hospital for 23 years. She got her degree at age 47 when she became a single parent of six children, two of which were in college at the time, and the other four were living at home. She has been to London three times, once for her 60th birthday. On one of her trips she and her tour group got to see the queen and the royal family on their way to church.

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OPEN CAPTION SHOWING
Downton Abby (PG)
Saturday, Dec. 14

STARTS BETWEEN 5 & 6:15 PM, TICKETS ARE \$4/EACH.
Special showing with captioning shown on screen with the movie.

Today in History

After spending nine months on the run, former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein is captured. U.S. soldiers found Hussein hiding in a six-to-eight-foot deep hole, nine miles outside his hometown of Tikrit. Saddam's downfall began on March 20, 2003, when the United States led an invasion force into Iraq to topple his government, which had controlled the country for more than 20 years.

— December 13, 2003

Food 4 Thought

"Just knowing you don't have the answers is a recipe for humility, openness, acceptance, forgiveness, and an eagerness to learn - and those are all good things."

— Dick Van Dyke, The Dick Van Dyke Show, Mary Poppins, born Dec. 13, 1925

The Weeks Ahead

Through Thursday, December 26
Miracle of Christmas light display, three mile route through the Gubser neighborhood. Bring along a food donation or cash to benefit Marion Polk Food Share.

Friday, December 13
Outsiders Dinner at the Keizer Elks Lodge, 4250 Cherry Avenue N.E. \$20 per person, cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner starts at 6 p.m.

Friday, December 13 – Sunday, December 15
Salem Holiday Market at Oregon State Fairgrounds and Expo. Hours: Friday, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For ticket information visit salemcommunitymarkets.com.

Keizer Homegrown Theatre presents *The Santaland Diaries*, based on an essay by David Sedaris. Performances are 7 p.m. Friday, 5 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$15. Free admission for those with Oregon Trail cards. keizerhomegrowntheatre.org.

Saturday, December 14
Keizer Network of Women's annual giving basket program concludes with the delivery of baskets of food and gifts to local families in need. Volunteers are asked to bring their delivery vehicles to the former Willamette Valley Appliance store at the corner of River Road and Sunset Drive. Delivery pick-ups begin at 9 a.m.

Chamber Jingle Dash – run, walk or stroll down River Road, while spectators for the Keizer Holiday Lights Parade prepare for the light show to begin. Dress up for the best costume awards by wearing your best Santa suit, reindeer horns, or twinkle lights. Kicks off at 6 p.m. Visit www.keizerchamber.com to register.

Keizer Holiday Lights Parade, 7 p.m. River Road from Lockhaven to Glynbrook. Bring your chairs and some hot cocoa as the Keizer Chamber of Commerce's annual holiday parade lights up the night.

Heritage Christmas at Keizer Cultural Center, 980 Chemawa Rd. NE, 1-5 p.m. Santa Claus will be there.

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society meets for their annual Christmas potluck and surplus book sale from 12 to 1 p.m. at the VFW building, 630 Hood St NE, Salem.

Sunday, December 15
Annual Santa Pancake Breakfast at Keizer Fire District (661 Chemawa Rd. NE) sponsored by the Keizer Volunteer Firefighters Association, 7:30-11:30 a.m. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and orange juice.

Festival Chorale Oregon: *Sing We Now of Christmas*. Traditional Christmas carols by Victorian carolers in costume. Selfies with St. Nick before and after the show. Kids under 12 are free and everyone else is \$10. 4 p.m. at the Historic Elsinore Theatre in Salem. For more information, go to elsinoretheatre.com.

Monday, December 16
Gubser Elementary School choir at Capitol Rotunda, 10:30 a.m., 900 Court Street N.E.

Tuesday, December 17
Clear Lake Elementary School choir at Capitol Rotunda, 1:30 p.m., 900 Court Street N.E.

Forest Ridge Elementary 4th and 5th Grade Choir Concert, 6 p.m., 7905 June Reid Place.

Claggett Creek Middle School Winter Choir Concert, 7 p.m., 1810 Alder Dr N.E.

Wednesday, December 18
Whiteaker Jazz Band at Gubser, 6 p.m., 6610 14th Ave. N.E.

Claggett Creek Middle School Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m., 1810 Alder Dr N.E.

Thursday, December 19
Forest Ridge Elementary – Kindergarten music program, 6 p.m., 7905 June Reid Place.

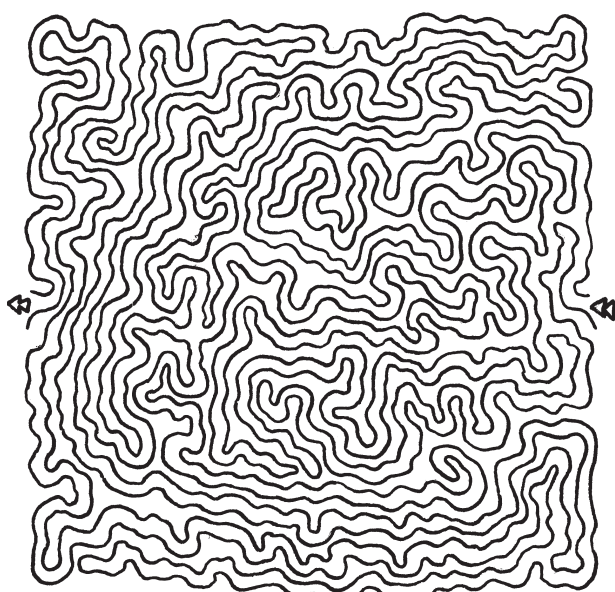
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Friday, December 20
Whiteaker choir at Capitol Rotunda, 11:30 a.m., 900 Court Street N.E.

McNary High school choir at the Capitol Rotunda, noon, 900 Court Street N.E.

Saturday, December 21
Keizer Fire District Candy Cane Day, the Bearded One hitches a ride with the crews of the Keizer Fire District to deliver candy canes to every street in Keizer. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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Maze by Jonathan Graf of Keizer

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIE TIMES

Abominable (PG)
Fri 2:00, 5:50, Sat 12:30, 2:25, 4:20, Sun 12:00, 1:55, 3:50

Addams Family (PG)
Fri 4:00, Sat 1:50, Sun 12:40

Arctic Dogs (PG)
Fri 2:00, Sat 12:00

Charlie's Angels (PG-13)
Fri 9:00, Sun 2:25, 8:35

Dora & The Lost City of Gold (PG)
Sat 12:45, Sun 2:20

Downton Abbey (PG) Fri 2:00, Sat 12:15, 9:00, Sun 3:40, 8:35

Gemini Man (PG-13)
Sat 2:35, Sun 4:30

Harriet (PG-13) Fri 4:10, 6:35, Sat 3:35, 5:55, Sun 12:20, 4:45

Motherless Brooklyn (R)
Fri 6:20, Sat 8:15, Sun 7:10

Peanut Butter Falcon (PG-13)
Fri 4:20, Sat 7:10, Sun 2:40, 6:45

Terminator: Dark Fate (R)
Fri 7:45, 8:55, Sat 6:20, 8:45, Sun 5:45, 8:10

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looking back

5 YEARS AGO

Out of the shadows
A former Keizer youth councilor, whose undocumented status caused a stir in the city, has enrolled in the DACA program.

10 YEARS AGO

Cookies for troops
The Cookie Crew will ship about 9,000 cookies thousands of miles to U.S. troops.

15 YEARS AGO

Keizer man turns Thailand trip into business
Michael McDaniel was challenged by a friend to travel to Chang Mai, Thailand. He met a man buying wares from the indigenous people to sell in the United States, and decided to give up working in construction and turn entrepreneur himself.

20 YEARS AGO

YoungLife spins off Keizer chapter
The youth group has not only grown out of its meeting place, but is taking its first steps toward independence from the greater Salem Young Life organization.