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Wednesday, Jan. 1st
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OPEN CAPTION SHOWING
Sat, Jan. 3 - **A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood** (PG)
STARTS BETWEEN 5 & 6:PM,
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Lights, Comedy, Laughs!
Saturday, Jan. 18

TODD JOHNSON & BO JOHNSON 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

Kern and Hammerstein's musical play *Show Boat*, considered to be the first true American musical play, opens at the Ziegfeld Theatre on Broadway.

— December 27, 1927

Food 4 Thought

"A bell's not a bell 'til you ring it, A song's not a song 'til you sing it, Love in your heart wasn't put there to stay, Love isn't love 'til you give it away!"

— Oscar Hammerstein II, co-writer of *Show Boat*

The Weeks Ahead

Through Monday, December 30

The Grotto's Christmas Festival of Lights is the largest Christmas choral festival in the world. The festival features nearly 160 indoor holiday concerts performed by many of the region's finest school, church and civic choirs. 5-9:30 p.m., cost adults: \$11; kids: \$6. 8840 N.E. Skidmore St. in Portland. thegrotto.org.

Through Saturday, January 4

Portland International Raceway hosts the 26th annual Winter Wonderland. It will grab your attention with glimmers and glows around every corner. Cost starts at \$20. 1940 N. Victory Blvd. in Portland. portlandraceway.com

Through Sunday, January 5

Christmas in the Garden at The Oregon Garden in Silverton. Features include ice skating, traditional German Christmas market and light display. Closed Christmas Day. For more information visit oregongarden.org.

Zoolights at the Oregon Zoo in Portland. As you walk around the zoo, you'll see a dazzling display of more than 1.5 million lights, and experience the zoo in a whole new way. Photos with Santa will be available every evening through Dec. 24. ZooLights hours are 5 p.m.-9 p.m. www.oregonzoo.org

Portland's Imago Theatre, 17 S.E. Eighth Ave., features a show for all ages, ZooZoo, featuring glowing bug eyes, insomniac hippos, arrogant anteaters, introverted frogs, magical polar bears, acrobatic worms, self-touting accordions and tricky penguins. Days and times vary. www.imagotheatre.com.

Friday, December 27 — Sunday, December 29

A Christmas Story — The Musical, Historic Elsinore Theatre. Performances at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets range from \$29 to \$59. elsinoretheatre.com.

Tuesday, December 31 - Wednesday, January 1

Ring in the New Year, Big Band Style The Grand Hall at Oregon Gardens, 879 West Main St. Silverton. 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Event is 21 and over. Tickets \$75-\$130 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ringing-in-the-new-year-big-band-style-tickets-71609428729.

Friday, January 3 — Sunday, January 5

Rodger's and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*, a Broadway adaptation of the classic musical. 7:30 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Historic Elsinore Theatre in Salem. elsinoretheatre.com

Saturday, January 4 — Sunday, January 5

Amahl and the Night Visitors by Gian Carlo Menotti. Presented by St. Paul's Music Guild, 1444 Liberty St. SE. 7 p.m. on Saturday and 4 p.m. on Sunday. 503-490-8874.

Monday, January 6

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m., Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road N.E.

Tuesday, January 7

Keizer City Charter Review meeting, 6 p.m., Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road N.E.

Wednesday, January 8

Keizer Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m., Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road N.E.

Thursday, January 9 — Saturday, January 18

S.K.I.T. Theater presents *Newsies!* at Salem First Free Methodist Church, 4455 Silverton Rd N.E. Tickets are \$6 for children (3-12) \$8 for students/seniors.

Wednesday, January 9

Keizer Traffic Safety Committee meeting, 6 p.m., Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road N.E.

Monday, January 13

Keizer City Council work session, 5:45 p.m., Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road N.E.

Monday, January 6

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m., Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road N.E.

Sunday, February 2

The Play of Daniel, a medieval mystery play with the Boston Camerata, an ensemble of vocalists and early music instrumentalists Anne Azema, director. 2 p.m. St. Paul Music Guild hosts,

Stories in the Stacks with Summer at the Keizer Community Library, 980 Chemawa Road NE. An hour of storytime, crafts, and music for pre-school kids, and their grown-ups from 10 - 11 a.m.

Thursday, February 6 — Saturday, February 8

Portland Winter Light Festival transforms the City of Roses into a city of lights. Designed to bring light to the wintry darkness, the free festival returns every winter with imaginative works that combine light and technology to create interactive experiences.

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school district announced it was doing away with them.

What was clear from the data was that the problems did not arise from any one particular feeder school or any particular subgroup of the student body. When school report cards were released in December, the number of Keizer schools that didn't meet language arts averages in the state appeared to back up the numbers Stefani uncovered and provided further proof that the problem was widely dispersed.

RESOLUTION IN SHOOTING RANGE DISPUTE

In September 2017, a stray bullet from a quarry being used as a shooting range across the Willamette River penetrated the home of a west Keizer couple. It launched conflict that embroiled the City of Keizer, a west Salem quarry owner, Polk county authorities and even the Oregon Legislature. When efforts to address the problem of shooting range-type activity on the property died a quiet death, resolution fell to a lawsuit between the Keizer residents, the property owner and the City of Keizer.

The parties involved reached a settlement in August that restricted the type of guns being used at the quarry to shotguns. While shooting

activities will likely still create noise for Keizer residents living near the river, shotgun shells do not travel as far as those from other types of guns.

City Attorney Shannon Johnson hailed the settlement as "a tremendous victory."

MANUFACTURED MESS

In March, the *Keizertimes* reported on rising monthly rents at a manufactured home park as a way to shine a light on how growth was impacting some of the city's most vulnerable residents. That first report led to months of covering issues at manufactured home parks ranging from pressures to sign long-term leases to attempts to squash communication among residents and deteriorating conditions at another park owned by the same California-based investment group.

Less than a week after *Keizertimes* brought safety issues to light at McNary Oaks Mobile Villa, the park owner had maintenance crews of all kinds at the site repairing sidewalks, walkways and removing dangerous trees that had long been unattended. In November, McNary Oaks residents held a meeting with a goal of reconnecting the community within the park and, possibly, establishing a tenant organization to continue talking with management as things move forward.

IN-N-OUT ARRIVES

The lines began almost

48 hours before In-N-Out opened its doors to double-doubles and secret menu options. By the time the fan-favorite burger chain opened on Thursday, Dec. 12, waits for in the drive-thru and walk-in ranged from two to four hours.

Almost two weeks after opening there was still a considerable wait, but things were kept moving by a team of traffic controllers.

The company brought in a team of "all stars" to prep and train the staff for the onslaught of customers coming from an hour or more away. In-N-Out is expected to have a regular staff of about 100 employees — at least until the next location opens farther north.

"It's an amazing experience to see customers that are so loyal to us. I really enjoy the people of this area. Being a part of the local scene is something special," said John Ford, store manager.

MAN RE-CONVICTED IN WIFE'S MURDER

Peter Zielinski murdered his wife, Lisa, in January 2011 and stood trial in 2013. It resulted in sentence of 25 years to life. Zielinski appealed the conviction and was ordered to stand trial again after the Oregon Appeals Court, in 2017, determined that evidence of extreme emotional distress had been wrongfully excluded during the first trial.

In an eight-day trial held in September, a new jury heard

from a parade of witnesses attesting to Zielinski's prior treatment of his wife and psychiatrists who claimed emotional stress had driven him to the point of murder.

In the end, Zielinski was convicted of murder a second time and his sentence remained the same.

"He shot her because she was a possession and the possession no longer wanted to be possessed," said Judge Susan Tripp.

VOLCANOES' MLB FUTURE IN IN DOUBT

The Salem-Keizer Volcanoes might lose their affiliation with Major League Baseball (MLB) if a plan to revamp the minor league structure is adopted. In late October, MLB released a proposal to shrink its minor leagues by 42 teams and eliminate affiliations like the one the Volcanoes share with the San Francisco Giants. In the Northwest League, the proposal put the Volcanoes and Tri-City Dust Devils on the chopping block.

The changes would not take place until the 2021 season, but it will leave team owner Jerry Walker with a tough decision: try to make a go of it as an independent organization or cease operations. Walker visited Washington, D.C., in November to lobby members of Congress along with other team owners, but, for now, negotiations are continuing.

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The compassion arm of the company also provides relief and aid to the families of pastors who are killed for their work.

Four other people will accompany Hoffman on his trip to Bangladesh and Vietnam, two more from the Keizer area and two from Indiana.

Prior to taking his position at Mercy, Hoffman was the president of Wilco; in his career he's managed four different co-ops. He holds a degree in accounting and business.

"In 2006, I went on a missions trip and very clearly it was God's call for me to be boots on the ground," he said.

He continued to go on shorter term missions trips, mostly compassion-focused, and found himself working



Submitted

Keizerite Doug Hoffman works a water pump during a past trip abroad.

in communities near or at where Mercy was working. In 2018, he retired from Wilco and took the position at Mercy.

Bangladesh is one of the countries that Mercy heavily focuses on, along with the Philippines, Columbia and Kenya. Vietnam, on the other hand, is new territory; the team will travel the length of the country while they are there.

According to Hoffman they have a connection with an individual in Vietnam who will introduce the team to their network on the ground.

"It's rare to go [into a country] unsolicited," he said. "This is considered a vision trip, we don't know what's going to happen. [That] is the fun part, by the way," he added with a laugh.

As they go into the trip

the team asks for prayerful support.

"When we come out of there with some sort of plan we'll be looking for investors," he said.

They will need financial backing, but they will also be looking for people to invest their time and prayers. Farther down the road they will be looking for national businessmen to mentor the locals they train in all the countries they work in.

For more information about Mercy Inc. visit www.mercycompassion.org.

looking back

5 YEARS AGO

Progress in KYSA, KLL talks

Keizer Youth Sports Association and Keizer Little League are still two entities. However, signs point to a renewed effort to merge the two youth sports groups.

10 YEARS AGO

Lady Celts face loaded field

The Lady Celts varsity basketball team hasn't seen competition like this since last year's state tournament. McNary, which finished a school-best fifth place at state last year, is booked for the Nike Interstate Shootout next week.

15 YEARS AGO

Trained dogs make all things 'paws'ible

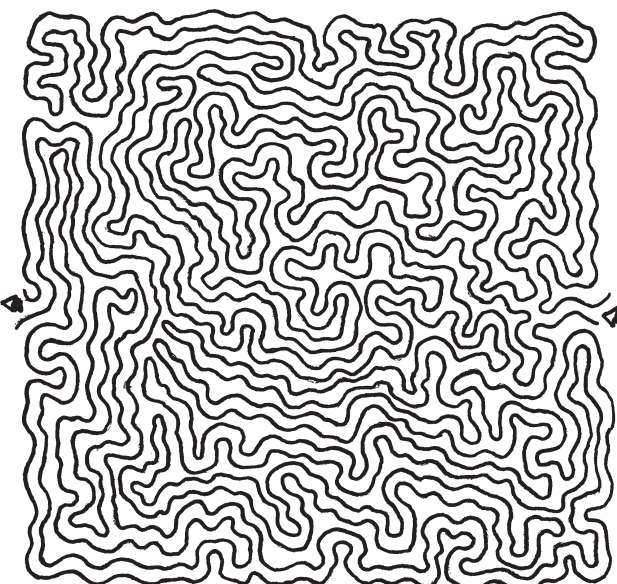
St. Peter next became a trainer for Everything Pawsible in Salem, where she discovered several people wanted service dogs and help with their training. To accommodate their needs, she spent six weeks with Bonnie Bergen, whom she calls the "ultimate trainer," at the Assistance Dog Institute in Santa Rosa.

20 YEARS AGO

Keizer man gives gift of lights

Several years ago Dan Cruickshank lost his sister to a rare illness right before Christmas. Almost a year to the day later, he lost his stepfather. One would think that Cruickshank would start feeling down during the holiday season, but that isn't the case at all. Just look at his house and its 23,000 Christmas lights.

maze



Maze by Jonathan Graf of Keizer

sudoku

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