

Today in History

Malcolm X, an African American nationalist and religious leader, is assassinated by rival Black Muslims while addressing his Organization of Afro-American Unity at the Audubon Ballroom in Washington Heights in New York City.
— February 21, 1965

Food 4 Thought

“The time is always right to do what is right.”
— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Weeks Ahead

Through Tuesday, February 25

Keizer Art Association presents its annual McNary High School Art Show at the Enid Joy Mount Gallery. For gallery hours visit keizerarts.com.

Friday, February 21 – Sunday, February 23

Keizer Homegrown Theatre presents *Love, Loss and What I Wore*, by Nora Ephron and Delia Ephron. Keizer Cultural Center, 980 Chemawa Rd. N.E. Performances at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets are \$15; free with an Oregon Trail Card. keizerhomegrowntheatre.org.

Friday, February 21 – Sunday, March 15

Enlightened Theatrics present *First Date, the Musical*, about the uncomfortable and embarrassing nature of blind dating. For show times and tickets visit enlightenedtheatrics.org or call 503-585-3427, extension 1.

Tuesday, February 25

Free admission all day at Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 700 State Street. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26

Community dinner, 4-5:30 p.m., St. Edward Catholic Church, 5303 River Rd.N. Free. Public is invited. Facebook.com/Keizer-Community-Dinner.

Thursday, February 27 – Wednesday, April 1

Keizer Art Association’s Enid Joy Mount Gallery presents its March show: Art Found in Wood. Exhibit comprised of wood carving and burned wood art. Artists’ reception is 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29. keizerarts.com.

Saturday, February 29

Salem Lifestyle Show at the Salem Convention Center, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Local businesses showcase what they have for the upcoming spring and summer seasons. There will be free seminars, demonstrations, samples and door prizes throughout the day.

Sunday, March 1

St. Paul’s Music Guild presents pianist Christopher Atzinger of Minnesota’s St. Olaf College, with an evening of Bach, Brahms, Handel and Liszt. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 1444 Liberty St. SE. Free. stpaulsoregon.org.

Friday, March 6

Confluence Willamette Valley LGBT Chorus presents Moving Forward at 7:30 p.m., conducted by artistic director Raymond Elliott. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 700 Marion St. NE in Salem. Advance tickets are \$15 (\$12 for seniors and students) or \$18/\$15 at the door. Visit brownpapertickets.com.

Tuesday, March 10

The Willamette Valley Women’s Military League holds its monthly meeting, 11:30 a.m., Red Lobster Restaurant, 521 Lancaster Dr. NE. Speaker is Anna Potter, ODVA director of Aging Veterans Services.

Saturday, March 14

Keizer Community Center clean-up, 9 a.m.-noon. Sponsored by the City of Keizer and Lakepoint Community Church. Public is encouraged to volunteer to help. Dress for March weather. Contact Mark Caillier at 503-930-7481.

Tuesday, March 17

St. Patrick’s Day Tea at Deepwood Estates, 2-4 p.m. Tickets are \$28 per person, gluten free options are an additional \$8. For tickets visit deepwoodmuseum.org or call 503-363-1825.

Friday, March 20 – Saturday, March 21

Plant sale at Deepwood from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be over four plant vendors with free admission to the sale.

Wednesday, March 25

G.I. Wilson will be reading from his book, *Bear Crushes Dad*, at the Keizer Community Library, 980 Chemawa Rd N.E., at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

Friday, April 10

Good Friday

Saturday, April 11

Deepwood Estates annual Easter Eggstravaganza, ages toddler through 10. Pre-registration is required, \$5 per child, \$1 per adult. Purchase tickets deepwoodmuseum.org or (503)-363-1825.

Add your event by e-mailing reporter@keizertimes.com

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opportunity.”

Even environmental factors like the weather of the day and the season of the year can be correlated to patterns that pop up in the numbers.

Data drives many of the decisions officers make, even when the solutions defy math.

“We had a house where we got consistent calls about a runaway, along the lines of 60 calls a month,” said Copeland. “We brought together all of the stakeholders and had a meeting. It turned out that the kids involved loved police officers. We told them that if they could improve their behavior we would come out and visit them and arrange for some other activities. We had zero calls to that residence after the meeting.”

Other times, attempts to collect data to inform decisions don’t go quite as planned. During the holidays, KPD made extra effort to deter package theft. They placed a trackable package in a neighborhood where they suspected crimes of opportunity to be high.

“What we discovered was that the postal service is really good about putting packages, even the ones they don’t deliver, behind screen doors,” Steele said.



KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald

Members of the Citizens Academy’s latest class check out holding cells in the Keizer police station.

Despite having their attempts to nab a package thief thwarted in that neighborhood, KPD learned something else equally as useful.

“We found out that there are a lot of natural guardians there,” Copeland said. “Not only were mail carriers looking out for residents, there were lots of kids walking through the neighborhood on the way to and from school. We still got useful information.”

During the coming weeks, members of the academy will examine how officers interact with homeless people and

support agencies offering other services, how and when officers use force, develop a deeper understanding of how security systems fit into the picture, how to design systems and buildings to deter criminal activity and even what it’s like to take a field sobriety test.

KPD is hoping to create more informed community partners who can help educate others about how their procedures and tactics work.

“At the end of the day, putting on the uniform and the badge doesn’t make us Superman and Wonder

Woman,” Copeland said. “What we want to do is provide enforcement in fair and lawful ways.”

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Here’s how giving broke down for each candidate.

Andrew Yang

Yang received the largest single donation from a Keizer resident, \$1,000. It pushed him over the top with a contribution total of \$1,208.18 from two donors.

Sen. Bernie Sanders

Eight Keizer donors contributed a total of \$1,069.50 to the Sanders campaign. His largest single contributor gave \$349 over the course of three months.

Sen Elizabeth Warren

The Warren campaign received a total of \$816 from six donors. The largest single donation was \$250. Despite the dip in giving, Warren’s third quarter haul of \$11,485 keeps her well ahead of the pack as far as support from Keizer residents.

Pete Buttigieg

Buttigieg’s campaign received a total of \$664.53 from Keizerites. He had a total of 56 individual contributions from three donors. The top contributor gave a little more than \$400 during the three-month period.

Rep. Tulsi Gabbard

Gabbard’s campaign received \$142 from two donors in the third quarter.

Others

Sen. Kamala Harris, who ended her campaign for the nation’s highest office in December, received \$40 from one donor.

The Donald Trump and Joe Biden campaigns each received a single \$25 donation in the third quarter.

KFD,

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at Keizer Ridge, (which opened in 2015), 135 calls to Emerald Pointe Senior Living, (which opened in 2009) and 124 calls to The Arbor at Avamere Memory Care (which opened in 2014).

“When you have those high concentrations of population, you have of larger chance of getting responses to that area. Anytime you have a population increase, especially when it’s a elderly population increase, you’re going to have a greater need for services,” said Ann-Marie Storms, the Deputy Fire Marshal with KFD. “When you have large developments, you have one house taking up 5,000 square feet of land or more. When you have an apartment complex, you now have 20 apartments taking up the space of what would be normally be two houses.”

KFD also responded to 553 calls to the original Avamere facility on River Road in 2019 — the 553 calls were more than double the next highest address.

Meeting the challenge of the increasing call volume requires changing the structure of staffing, equipment and transportation.

In 2009, KFD had Medic 35 as the one 24-hour, 7-day a week ambulance while Medic 36 was a 45-hour per week ambulance that was in service from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

KFD still runs Medic 35 at all hours of the day, but they changed the Medic 36 ambulance to be in service seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

“That was very significant at the time to meet the demand of our call volume,” Cowan said.

KFD currently has 35 full-time employees, but in recent years, they have changed the way they handle their additional firefighters.

Ten years ago, the district heavily relied on part-time volunteers to fill in gaps during certain shifts. But as time went on, that became more and more difficult to maintain.

“As a district group, we were wearing our volunteers out. We were asking them to, on a part-time basis, maintain the certifications that our full-time career firefighters were doing, which is a very difficult feat. Then you add in all the community service and Christmas events we do. It’s very labor intensive,” Storms said.

To combat the issue of dwindling volunteer numbers, KFD now uses the services of students in the fire program at Chemeketa Community College that are looking to become career firefighters.

While they’re still considered volunteers, KFD provides them with scholarship money in exchange for their service, but they are given more responsibility than the average volunteer.

“We help with their college tuition, but they are now accountable for more because

we’re helping to reimburse them,” Storms said.

As far as funding is concerned, KFD successfully lobbied voters to increase their levy from 35 cents in 2009 to 59 cents in 2013 — the levy was renewed at 59 cents in 2018.

Along with the levy, KFD also passed an equipment bond in 2015 that allowed them to pay for new emergency equipment. The district replaced three engines, five medical units, one command vehicle, one rescue unit and one brush rig.

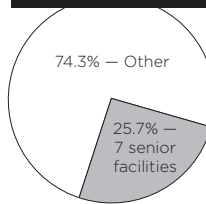
At the time, the newest vehicle that KFD had was 10 years old, while their oldest was nearly 25 years old.

Both Cowan and Butler acknowledged how important the support of the Keizer community has been in helping KFD get where there are today. “If we didn’t have the support of the community, I would be sending in equipment that would die on scene,” Butler said.

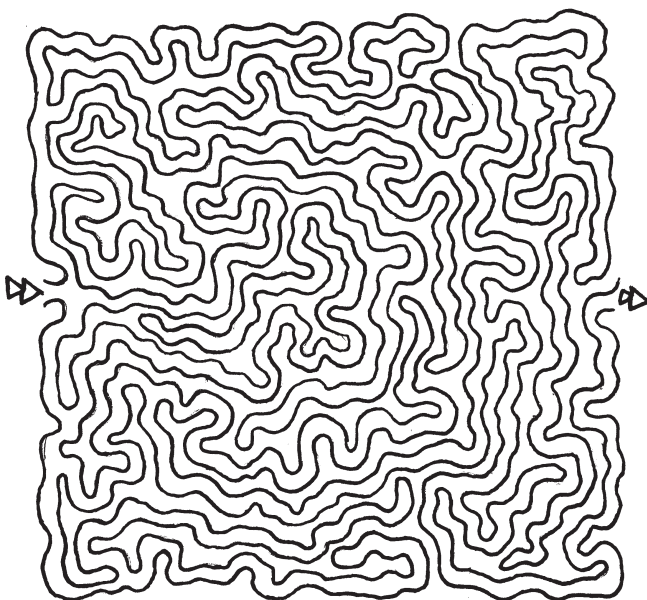
“Our ties to the community are vital to our funding,” Cowan added.

Next week, *Keizertimes* will examine how the fire district expects it will need to change and grow to serve the city for the next 10 to 20 years.

2019 TOTAL CALL VOLUME



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Maze by Jonathan Graf of Keizer

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looking back

5 YEARS AGO

Abbas a merit finalist
Of all the high school students in the country, McNary High School senior Zach Abbas has an honor few others can claim: National Merit Finalist.

10 YEARS AGO

Home prices fell 11 percent in '09
When it came to home prices, Keizer was no longer the exception to the rule in 2009. After being the only area in Salem-Keizer to see an increase in home prices in 2008, 2009 home prices in Keizer fell 11.7 percent — the largest drop of any area.

15 YEARS AGO

Wittenbergs sell Keizer Retirement to Wilsonville health care company
Residents living at the Keizer Retirement and Health Care Village will soon have a new landlord.

20 YEARS AGO

River Road - more fun than ever
Keizer motorists should be prepared for construction delays along the busiest stretch of River Road over the next three months. River Road North from Cummings Lane to Chemawa Road will be under construction for up to 90 days.