

Today in History

The Alamo, a former Franciscan mission located near the present-day city of San Antonio, falls after a nearly two-week siege. On February 23, a Mexican force numbering in the thousands and led by General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna began a siege of the fort. Though vastly outnumbered, the Alamo's 200 defenders—commanded by James Bowie and William Travis and including the famed frontiersman Davy Crockett—held out for 13 days before the Mexican forces finally overpowered them. Texas won independence from Mexico later that year.

— March 6, 1835

Food 4 Thought

“All professionals should teach at some time in their career because they are obliged to pass along what they've learned.”
— Will Eisner, cartoonist, writer and innovator of the comic book medium, born March 6, 1917

The Weeks Ahead

Through 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.

Through 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.

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.

Saturday, March 7

All you can eat pancake breakfast at the Keizer/Salem Area Seniors Center from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Admission is \$4.50 but children under 5 is free.

Night dance and potluck featuring music by Crossfire from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Keizer/Salem Area Seniors Center. Admission is \$5.

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.

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

Wednesday, March 11

Goudy Distinguished Artists Series presents pianist Janina Fialkowska, 7:30 p.m., Hudson Hall at Willamette University. Tickets are \$25, \$5 for students. willamette.edu/arts.

Bingo at the Keizer/Salem Area Seniors Center from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.50. There will be prizes, free game cards and Daubers

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.

Night dance and potluck featuring music by Buckskin Jones from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Keizer/Salem Area Seniors Center. Admission is \$5

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.

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

PROGRESS: 'Our focus was to get back to the basics'

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making progress no matter what, because we know that everyone is different and everybody doesn't have the same skill-set and everybody is going to grow at a different rate and pace.”

Gemmil, who was the principal at Brush College Elementary in Salem before coming over to Clear Lake, says that over the last two school years, she has done a lot of collaborative work with the staff to make sure they meeting the needs of the students.

One of the “tweaks” that Gemmil made when she came to Clear Lake was to put a heavier emphasis on core instruction.

“For the last couple years, we have just really been focusing on making sure that

we are building a strong core instructional foundation,” Gemmil said. “We want to make sure our core instruction is pretty solid before we add any other initiatives or incentives. Our focus was to get back to the basics.”

However, Gemmil does believe that adding the right incentives can be vital. For example, last month the school started holding monthly assemblies where the staff would recognize students that exemplified positive character traits over the course of the month.

“Extrinsic motivation isn't always what people want, but we know that's where we need to start to get that intrinsic motivation. We like to have fun. I'll get in the mascot costume and start running

around. I'll do whatever to make sure we're all connecting with each other,” Gemmil said.

Gemmil conceded that a reason for Clear Lake's success was due to how they are one of the most affluent schools in the district — 38 percent of students are on a free/reduced lunch plan, which is the lowest in Keizer.

Gemmil also commented on how important having a supportive parent community is to student success.

“I know that Clear Lake historically has had a very supportive community and they continue to be supportive. I think that makes a big difference in the success of our students, because we do have a lot of families that are involved in some sort of way,” Gemmil said. “We really try and utilize our community.”

However, like any school, Clear Lake has its challenges.

“We don't have every kid exactly where we want them

to be. What we are really doing is working together as a unit to really try to focus on finding out where kids are struggling and what they are missing,” Gemmil said.

While Gemmil wishes that the school had more of an ability to give students more individualized attention, she is pleased with how the Clear Lake works with what they have in terms of staffing and support.

“Sometimes it is a challenge. We would love to have more staff and we would love to have smaller class sizes, but our (instructional assistants) are really good with support and our office staff does a good job supporting as well. We work a lot as a unit to try and support students when we can. We're not perfect. We're not at 100 percent. But we are really working to find those right core interventions that will have the biggest impact on kiddos,” Gemmil said.

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Department Sgt. Rene Bravo, 60, was threatening her with a knife. She also reported struggling with Bravo as he attempted to gain control of a loaded rifle.

Upon arriving at the call, responding officers quickly entered the home and located the victim and her two children in the residence and evacuated them. Officers found Bravo in the house wearing a bullet-resistant vest and refusing to comply with officers' commands, eventually barricading himself in the home.

Because Bravo reportedly had access to weapons and was not compliant with the officers, neighboring homes were evacuated.

Personnel from Keizer Police Department, Oregon State Police, Salem Police Department, and the Marion County Sheriff's Office secured the house and surrounding area to ensure public safety. Salem Police SWAT was called to

respond at 11 p.m. Bravo still refused to surrender to negotiators and other personnel but eventually emerged from the home about 1:40 a.m. when he was subdued by a SWAT K9 officer.

Bravo was treated by medics at the scene for minor injuries and transported to Salem Health before being transported to the Linn County jail, where he was lodged.

Bravo was charged by the Marion County District Attorney's office with second degree assault constituting domestic violence, unlawful use of a weapon, attempt to commit a class A misdemeanor and interfering with a peace.

He is being held without bail.

According to public records, Bravo was previously employed as a military police officer with the Oregon National Guard, an officer with the Hubbard Police Department, and a reserve officer with Aurora Police Department. He was also listed as a training officer between 2014-15 with the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

FIL-A: Tribes are working to develop jug handle

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to extend some water and storm drain lines into that site. You might see activity out there, but there aren't going to be any buildings going in there at this point,” said Public Works Director Bill Lawyer.

The jug handle area is being developed by the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians with RPS Development.

The last time Alan Roodhouse, president of RPS, spoke at a public meeting on the potential development, plans for the jug handle included a gas station, quick service restaurant and a automotive services/accessory store.

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looking back

5 YEARS AGO
Roundabout spun off to 2016
In between Groundhog's Day and April Fool's Day comes this update: a major construction project involving Chemawa Road in Keizer has been delayed.

10 YEARS AGO
From Cambodia to Peru, these trips are no holiday
Keizer EMT Don Davis is using his EMT skills to teach abroad.

15 YEARS AGO
Out of the fryer... into the fire
McNary High School theatre department will begin its run of “Out of the Frying Pan” next week.

20 YEARS AGO
Singing for fun
Five McNary Athletes who like to sing are in the running for a major talent competition that could take them to Hawaii later this year.

More curb improvement headed to River Road

Get ready for more delays on River Road in the coming months.

The Keizer City Council awarded a contract to R&R General Contracting to bring curb ramps and pedestrian traffic signals into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The work is planned between Claggett Street Northeast and Swingwood Court Northeast.

R&R's winning bid was \$499,100. Five bids were submitted for the project, the high bid was \$657,660. An engineer's estimate of the cost was \$500,000.

The project will be funded through the city's street fund.

Busch honored with regional award

Colleen Busch, the Keizer-area director on the Cherriots board of directors, was recently honored with the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments Chairs' Choice Award.

Busch was cited by nominator Cathy Clark for her tireless effort to represent the agency as an ambassador, a go-to for accurate and relevant information, and one of the most actively present people out in the community for Cherriots.

The Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments

Colleen Busch and Cathy Clark

Chairs' Choice Award recognizes a person, project or group selected board chair. Clark is the board chair this year.

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Maze by Jonathan Graf of Keizer

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