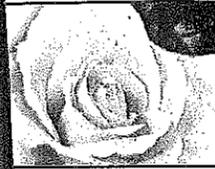


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Of the Keizertimes

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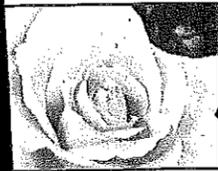
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She was particularly adamant about preserving the old Keizer Schoolhouse, now known as the Keizer Heritage Center, recalled her daughter.

"That was one of her goals and highlights for her," Denlinger said. "She loved the building and hated the idea of it getting torn down. She thought it would be something memorable for Keizer."



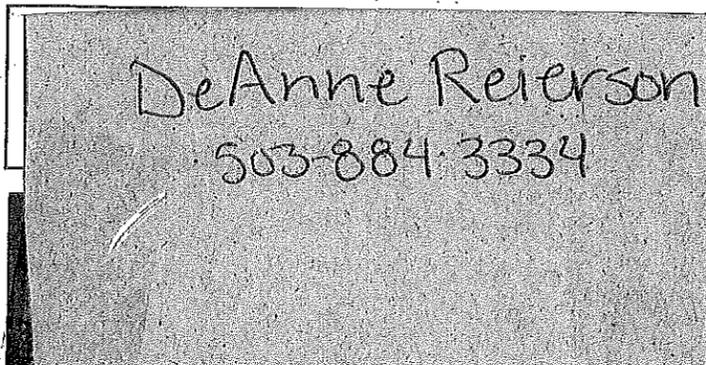
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"It's a special place - to drive by and see those cows," Christopher said. "When I was first campaigning to be mayor, I would call (husband Ron) and say, 'You need to go to Rosalie's

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Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 24, at St. Edward's Catholic Church. Interment was in City View Cemetery. Arrangements were by Keizer Funeral Chapel.