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Larry Bent has taught lessons and worked at the McNary Golf Club shop for more than 40 years.

## Larry from McNary

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*Of the Keizertimes*

If you've taken lessons at McNary Golf Club in the last 40 years, there's a good chance they were given by Larry Bent.

The teaching professional and pro shop manager has spent most of his life on a golf course.

As an 8-year-old in Canada, he made a basket and began fishing balls out of the water at the course near his home.

Understandably, the owner, Alf Tate, didn't like this very much, so he called Bent's mom.

They agreed to put him to work shagging golf balls. He worked six to seven hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday. "Basically I did a better job than his 15-year-olds because

I was scared," Bent said. "I had to pay him back for stealing all the balls. He was a great old man and turned out to be a father figure."

At 15 years old, Bent was in the golf shop repairing clubs and giving lessons. At 20, he moved to Woodburn to be with his mother.

He worked for the Humane Society but would often drive by McNary.

One day, he finally decided to stop in and talk to the owner. That was more than 40 years ago and Bent has worked there since.

In his younger days, Bent would give seven to 10 lessons a day. He's taught a week-long junior camp for the past 35 years.

"First you understand the basics and that's not extremely hard," Bent said. "What's hard is translating to the person you're giving the lesson to different analogies to help them do what you're trying to change. When I look at a

person, I see exactly what's wrong and now the hard part is trying to explain to them in terms they can grasp. It could be physical. It could be a word but you just experiment with different things. Now, it's just second nature. It's part of what I do."

Today, Bent spends most of his time in the golf shop, selling and ordering merchandise. He also helps market and run tournaments.

"I enjoy the environment of people who come out to have fun," Bent said. "Sure, there's always people that are unhappy but you take care of them. They're going to be happy when they leave if they weren't happy when they got here. And that's all business is."

But Bent made it clear his job is more about relationships than business.

"All these people that come are friends," he said. "It's become a family for me. I've had some tough times and they were all right there,

stepping up. Ninety percent of people out here I know, whether it's public or members, I know them one way or the other and I've gained a ton of relationships through this job, which to me in more valuable, being happy where you work."

Bent has seen the course change over 40 years. There wasn't a house on it when he first started. Now there are more than 600.

"The golf course now is in better shape than it ever was," he said. "The houses don't detract from it. It just makes it a little tougher golf course."

Bent doesn't know how much longer he'll work at McNary Golf Club but he's in no rush to retire.

"I'll know when it's time," he said. "I like to ride my motorcycle. I like to fish. I like to spend time with my partner. We like to travel and do things. There's coming a time. Right now I'm not seeing it in the future real quick."

## Clear Lake to name library

In honor of the upcoming 125th anniversary, Clear Lake Elementary School is looking to name its library.

Submissions for possible names should include: Name and contact information, the name you are recommending, and a brief description of why you feel this name would be appropriate for the Clear Lake Library.

The school will be accepting submissions for possible names through Sept. 1.

Submissions should be mailed to: Clear Lake Elementary School, Attn: School Library Naming Committee, 7425 Meadowglen St NE, Keizer, OR 97303

All submissions will be reviewed and considered by a committee who will select one name for the library.

For any questions, please contact Clear Lake Elementary School at 503-399-3138.

### obituaries

Submit an obituary through our website at keizertimes.com or send an email to: editor@keizertimes.com

### Robyn DeGuire

July 9, 1963 – July 18, 2016

Robyn DeGuire passed away Monday, July 18, due to ongoing complications with her health. She had just celebrated her 53rd birthday.

Robyn was born in Salem July 9, 1963 to Robert and Sharon Lou DeGuire and lived in Salem and Keizer all her life. She graduated in 1981 from McNary High School and worked at Fairview before she became disabled.

Robyn marveled at the beauties of nature, especially those found right here in Oregon.

Riding through the countryside, being in the water and expressing her creativity were favorite pastimes.

She is survived by her mother, Sharon Lou and step-father of 34 years, Frank Hoevet, sons Ian and Christopher

DeGuire, grandchildren Riley and Ryder, sister JoElle Drumheiser, niece Jordan, nephew Chance and half-brother David Welch, as well as aunt and uncle Charlene and Ken Orndorff and step siblings Jeff and Julie Hoevet, Leanna Hoevet Smith and Scott Hartmann and what Robyn fondly named our "Family Bush."



R. DeGuire

There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, Aug. 20 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Keizer Elks Lodge, 4250 Cherry Ave. NE, Keizer, OR 97303. Assisting the family is Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service.

## Candidate register deadline Aug. 30

The Keizer mayor's chair and three seats on the city council will be up for grabs in November, and interested candidates can register now through Aug. 30.

Mayor Cathy Clark's first two-year term is expiring, as are the four-year terms of councilors Dennis Koho, Kim Freeman and Marlene Parsons.

Koho resigned his seat on July 1 due to health considerations and an interim replacement, Mark Caillier, was appointed by the city council.

To run for the mayor or city council, candidates must be a qualified elector under the state constitution and a registered voter within city limits who has resided in Keizer for the 12 months prior to the date of the election, Nov. 8.

For additional information, or to request an election information packet, contact Keizer City Recorder Tracy Davis at 503-856-3412 at davist@keizer.org.

Applications are due Friday, Aug. 30, by 5 p.m.

## Tour Keizer with KPIC guides

The Keizer Points of Interest Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 16, will be a tour of all the Points of Interest. The public is invited.

The tour will begin at the Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road N.E., at 5:30 p.m. Participants will

carpool from the civic center and be given a map showing the points of interest with informational paragraphs as well as an agenda with driving instructions.

For more information, contact Debbie Lockhart at 503-856-3418.

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