

obituaries

Joseph Walter Riley Maxwell

February 15, 1933 - February 26, 2018

Joseph Maxwell died at home, surrounded by family, after a brief illness. He was 85.

Maxwell was born in Boone County, Indiana, to Claude and Doris Riley.

The family moved to California when he was 3 years old. On the way, a high fever led him into deafness.



J. Maxwell

At the age of 6, he attended California State School for the Deaf in Berkeley where he graduated in 1954. He went to Gallaudet College, now University, in Washington, D.C. and graduated in 1959 with a degree in Physical Education. He joined a fraternity Kappa Gamma and participated in many sports, such as football and track.

He earned a silver medal in the high jump at the 1957 Deaf Olympics held in Milan, Italy. He also met his wife, Sal-

ly, a fellow U.S. athlete, at the games.

He started working at Kansas School for the Deaf as woodworking teacher and coached football as well as track for six years. In 1965, the couple moved to Falmouth, Maine, where Deaf School was on the island. He taught woodworking and coached soccer and track from 1965 to 1978.

While in Maine, the couple's children, Janet and Don, were born. Maxwell built two houses in his time in Maine, one in Yarmouth and other was in Cumberland Center.

Joseph and Sally moved to Oregon in 1978 where Joe taught physical education until 1992. He then transitioned to teaching health, math and driving education. He retired in 1994, after 35 years of teaching.

Maxwell was preceded in

death by his grandfather, his mother, father, stepfather, older brother, Claude, older sister, Juanita, sister, Carol, and son, Gary Lance. He is survived by his wife; his son, Don (Elize); his daughter, Janet; one granddaughter, Amanda; brother, Mel (Arlene); three sisters, Barbara, Rosie (Ken), Ellen; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

According to his wishes, no services are scheduled, but a Celebration of Life will be slated for April 7 at the Oregon School for the Deaf cafeteria in Salem from 1 to 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the donations are requested for: Office of Development, Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Ave NE, Washington, D.C. 20002 in the name of Joseph W.R. Maxwell.

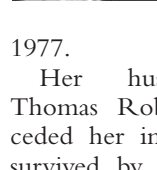
and Oregon Association of the Deaf, P.O. Box 8054, Salem, Oregon 97303. Earmarked for any Deaf Oregonian, that has goals to go to the Deaf Olympics in the name of Joseph W. R. Maxwell.

Judith Ann Roberts

May 31, 1942 - March 9, 2018

Judith Ann Roberts, a longtime resident of Avamere Court in Keizer passed away on Friday, March 9, 2018.

Roberts was born on May 31, 1942, in Charles Town, West Virginia. She moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1961 and moved to Portland, Oregon, in



1977. Her husband, James Thomas Roberts, Sr., preceded her in death. She is survived by two daughters, Brenda Lee and Kim Lee, and two sons, Vernon Lee and Richard Lee, as well as three grandchildren - John Henry, Kriston Renee and Joshua David Gutierrez - and four great-grandchildren.

Griffin: 'Dirty hands give me a sense of accomplishment'

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to calls the department must also inspect all of the city's catch basins during the summer. A catch basin is usually a grated reservoir that prevents leaves and other matter from entering the sewer.

This inspection helps Griffin create a list of repairs to the system that will take place during the fall and winter seasons. Summer is often when street maintenance and repairs take place. This work begins with evaluating roads and street conditions, determining what type of work is needed and then creating a work schedule.

Weather conditions can have quite an impact on the department's schedule. An incoming storm can mean making sure all necessary equipment is ready to go; vehicles have been fueled up, chainsaws need to be sharp, the vacuum truck needs to be empty and ready to use.

Then there are all the other things that need to be attended to during any given day: reviewing work orders and work logs, meetings, identifying as well as planning and scheduling of upcoming stormwater maintenance, coordinating with other supervisors, answering crew field issues and fielding emergency calls for immediate action.

And while all of these things are important, clean drinking water is at the top of the list.

"We provide and ensure safe clean drinking water through a properly maintained water system," Griffin said.

It's enough to make him run out of breath as he runs down the list of what his job entails, but then he smiles, this is part of what he likes about public works, no two days are ever the same. He's a problem solver and takes great pleasure

in a job well done. He's quick to smile, somewhat soft spoken and shy, and his desire to do the best he can for everyone who counts on him is wholehearted and genuine.

At home, Griffin keeps busy. He enjoys doing yard work, organizing his garage, keeping his truck clean and gardening. He has a fondness for growing the ingredients for salsa.

"Generally getting my hands dirty gives me a sense of accomplishment and keeps me calm, cool and collected," he said.

Though his daughters have graduated from high school and are making their own way in the world the family remains tight-knit.

"While our girls maintain busy lives after high school we still enjoy the occasional family dinner and partaking in our favorite TV shows," he said. "During the summers our family's home away from home is the Metolius River Area where we enjoy camping, hiking and relaxing."

"My eldest daughter is married now and will be graduating from Marylhurst University this spring. She owns her own photography business. My youngest daughter recently graduated from high school, and currently works at the Keizer Courthouse. Her current plans are to adventure and experience life to the fullest."

He beams with pride at their accomplishments and glances at the mementoes scattered about his office as he talks about his girls. While they are off pursuing their dreams, he and his wife are enjoying simple pleasures and quiet moments together. They walk at Keizer Rapids Park, grab a coffee together, ride their bikes or help out the neighbors.

Perry gets glowing review at board meeting

By HERB SWETT
Of the Keizertimes

Christy Perry, superintendent of Salem-Keizer Public Schools, again received high marks from the School Board.

The board Tuesday officially approved its annual evaluation of her performance. Director Kathy Goss commented, "The whole process has reminded how lucky we are to have Superintendent Perry."

The board also held the first reading of a proposal for tax exemption concurrence with Salem and Marion County to allow tax exemptions for low-income housing owned by non-profit organizations.

A challenge to legislation allowing the exemptions resulted in a moratorium that started in 2012. Some cities and counties in Oregon have adopted ordi-

nances to allow the exemptions, but concurrence is required from taxing jurisdictions equaling 51 percent of the tax base.

In other business, the board approved Curriculum Associates' Ready Mathematics for the Common Core as the district's new elementary mathematics instructional materials. The vote came after Kelly Carlisle, assistant superintendent, showed charts that revealed higher district performance in math at the high school and middle school levels than the state as a whole but the reverse for district elementary schools. However, he and Gabriela Arenas, a math teacher at Highland Elementary School, told of progress elementary schools were making in math.

Paul Kylo, board chairperson, noted that \$5.2 million

would be needed for the math materials. Perry said she hoped to find a way to make room for them in the 2018-19 budget. The budget committee will hold its organizational meeting Tuesday.

Two grants, both from the Oregon Department of Education, were accepted by the board. One, amounting to \$6,986,458, covers special education matters, mostly staffing. A \$337,999 grant will be used for improvement of staff quality.

Speakers from the audience included Courtney Clendening of Keizer, elementary director of the Salem-Keizer Education Association and a Clear Lake Elementary School teacher, who said that meetings she must attend on student needs were taking away time to help students develop skills.

The board proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Personnel actions approved by the board included the following in the McNary High School attendance area.

- A licensed action for Javier Martin-Vinas as a first-year probation part-time teacher at McNary.

- Resignations of Melissa Anderson from Kennedy Elementary School; Jason Arthur and Mary Anna Vera, Weddle Elementary School; Justin Lindemann, McNary; and Amy Torrance, Cummings Elementary School.

- Retirements of Gary Bullen and Kathleen Roberson, McNary; Mary Alice Kruger, Kennedy; and Jill Matisainen, Gubser Elementary School.

Rotary collecting food

The Keizer Rotary Club has joined forces with Salem-area Rotary Clubs to hold its annual March food drive.

If you want to contribute shelf-stable, unexpired food, you can do so at these sites: McNary High School, Keizer

Fire Station, Keizer Veterinary Clinic, Oregon State Credit Union, Home Fire Stove, Loren's Sanitation, Boucher Jewelers, Willamette Valley Bank, Willamette Lutheran Home, and HomeSmart Realty.

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By Charles Preston

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