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Richardson celebrated for community stewardship

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Mayor Cathy Clark called it “long overdue,” but honoring Darrell Richardson as Keizer’s Volunteer of the Quarter also came just in time.

Richardson and his wife, Shirley, who have lived in the same house next to Sunset Park on the Willamette River 41 years, are pulling up stakes to be closer to family in Texas. Many credit Richardson with the current state of the park. Before he began tending to it as a volunteer, it was nearly unusable because of blackberry thickets.

He was honored during the Keizer City Council meeting Monday, July 15, where he was showered with praise from those whose lives he touched.

“This will be the end of the era when Darrell and Shirley move. They have been stewards, but those that live near the park feel safer with them around and looking out for everybody,” said Barb Smith.

“We have a family in our neighborhood and they have been the hub of that family,” added John Hinckey.

Clint Holland cited Richardson for the hours and time he’s spent helping at the Keizer Rotary Amphitheater in Keizer Rapids Park.

“He’s an anchor of the concession staff for us and



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Darrell Richardson receives a desk clock in honor of his selection as the city’s Volunteer of the Quarter.

I can’t count the number of things he’s done for us over the years,” Holland said.

Richardson said he’s still trying to convince Shirley to buy an RV and return to Keizer during the summers as a park caretaker – something Shirley didn’t seem to be entertaining in the slightest aside from a polite smile – but he will miss the community of Keizer.

“Keizer is family. I love volunteering work and we have the best volunteers ever,” Richardson said.



Art Assoc. art contest deadline approaching

The show at the Keizer Art Association (KAA) for August is the annual KAA Member Showcase.

Any art of any medium depicting the artist’s choice of subject may be entered. Intake for the art will be Wednesday, July 31 from 3 to 6 p.m.

All media will be accepted including 2D, 3D, photography or digital art. All work must be original to the artist. Artwork used within the last two years in the gallery will not be accepted. Each artist can submit up to four entries.

Judges will award ribbons to best of show and judge’s merit award. First, second and third place will be awarded in each of these media: 2-D art, photography, 3-D art, digital art and youth art. \$50 will be awarded to best in show.

Member fees are \$10 for the first piece, \$15 for two pieces, \$20 for three pieces, and \$25 for

four pieces. Non-member fees are \$20 for the first piece, \$25 for two pieces, \$30 for three pieces and \$35 for four pieces. Youth fees are \$5 for up to two pieces. Commission fee for sales is 60 percent to the artist and 40 percent to KAA.

The artists’ reception will be

held on Saturday, August 3 from 2 to 4 p.m., and the show will run from Thursday, August 1 through Tuesday, September 3.

For additional information, and to learn more about specific rules and how to enter, visit keizerarts.com or email keizerartassociation@gmail.com.

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Gilbert House hosts grown-ups

The Gilbert House for Grown-Ups starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 26. All attendees must be 21 years or older to participate.

The event will have indoor and outdoor entertainment, including live music flowing drinks and opportunities to engage in the children’s museum exhibits.

The cover charge is \$5 and free parking is available in Salem’s Riverfront Park or nearby Marion Parkade.

Countryside VBS begins Aug. 4

Countryside Christian Church will host its annual vacation Bible school (VBS) from Sunday, August 4 to Thursday, August 8 at Countryside, 5775 McLeod Lane NE. Each day will begin at 6:15 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

The theme this year is ‘Roar! Life is wild, God is good.’ Attendees will have opportunities to participate in singing, Bible education,

interactive learning times, recreation activities and more. Snacks will be available.

Any child from the ages of four and up to entering 6th grade are invited to the free VBS. Children must be registered online at countrysidechristianchurch.org.

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