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## Getting to know our neighbors

Reporter Lauren Murphy has been visiting Keizer's retirement communities with the purpose of getting to know some of our seniors, the lives they've lived and what they are up to now.

### Gift tags now hanging around town

Gift tags for the Keizer Network of Women's (KNOW) Giving Basket program are now out in the community. The fundraiser hopes to help about 250 local families this year.

"All the tags are already in the community, all people have to do is pick one up and then return the gifts to the location where they found the tag or to the Keizer Chamber of Commerce office," said Danielle Bethell, executive director.

Gift tags are hanging from trees at Courthouse Athletic Club, 117 McNary Estates Drive N.; Mommy and Maddy's, 4765 River Road N.; Copy Cats, 3800 River Road N.; 5007 River Road N.; Willamette Valley Bank, 5140 River Road N.; The Human Bean, 5007 River Road N.; Los Dos Hermanos, 3590 River Road N.; Keizer Church of Christ, 5405 Ridge Drive N.E.; and St. Edward Catholic Church, 5303 River Road N.

Gifts need to be returned by Wednesday, Dec. 4

### Allen Freebury

Allen Freebury retired to Oregon in 2007 with his wife. He worked a total of 21 jobs after two years of college. He decided not to finish his four year degree because after two years he decided he was ready to join the workforce. He spoke proudly of his three children, a son in Seattle and two daughters in New Mexico. He had a lot of advice for the younger generation: learn U.S. history, create a job track record and most importantly, "keep the course, take good care of yourself."



### Beverly & Jack Tincknell

Jack Tincknell moved to Oregon when he was 14 years old. After high school he joined the Navy; he did contracting work overseas after that. Upon moving to Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community about a year and a half ago, Jack was adopted by the three baby Nigerian dwarf goats, - Patches, Heidi and Ginger, - who consider him their dad. Jack said they're extremely friendly and often look for food in people's pockets. The residents dressed the goats up for the Civil War football game last year. His advice for young people is to get an education.

Beverly Tincknell moved to Oregon from Wisconsin when she was 13. She graduated from Salem High School (now North Salem High School.) After she graduated she got a job as a secretary, with no college degree,



and worked there for 27 years. She and Jack got married when they were in their 40s and the two fondly remembered traveling a lot for his Navy reunions.

She echoed the advice of her husband, "I got a job right out of high school but that's hard to do nowadays," she said.

Words and pictures by Lauren Murphy



### Shirley & Don Knepp

Don Knepp served in the Army for two years after his first year of college. After getting out of the service, he graduated with a degree in chemistry and then earned a master's in teaching. He has been married to Shirley for 54 years. They spent 20 years in Pendleton where he taught seventh grade science and then moved into ministry for 10 years, "I can tell you honestly that teaching is far more stressful than ministry," he said with a laugh. His advice to young people is to take care of the Earth.

Shirley Knepp graduated from Portland State as a teacher. She began to work in Salem but then went on the mission field with the United Methodist Church. She married Don and ran a daycare for 15 years in Pendleton. They lived on or near Umatilla Reservation during their years in Pendleton. In her retirement, she enjoys serving as a deaconess in the United Methodist Church. Both she and Don volunteer at the Riverfront Carousel, they said they've worked on all but five of the horses. They also enjoy traveling and recommend visiting Malta.

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death notice

### Nelson McCloud

March 16, 1922 - November 14, 2019

Services are planned Saturday, Nov. 30, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Keizer Community Church, 380 Churchdale Avenue N.

Keizer Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements.

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