

## obituary

**George Warren Standish**

February 4, 1936 - August 21, 2020

George Warren Standish, 84, of Brooks, Ore., got his wings Friday Aug. 21, 2020. He was born in Bellingham, Wash., on Feb. 4, 1936, to Leo Percy and Edna Mary Wallace Standish. George had two sisters and one brother. He joined the Army at age 17, served on the DMZ in Korea until 1956, then came home with a Military injury.

He married Sally Jo Jones in which three amazing children were born.

He started G&R Auto Wrecking with his brother-in-law Rudy Austad, he then went to work for Weyerhaeuser where he ended up with a serious industrial injury, and was disabled. He was strong-willed was determined to not let it beat him.

He married Dorene Isham Koenig in 1978, he then started up a new G&R Auto Wreckers. This being the love of his life, he always wanted (G) Gary and

(R) Robert his sons to carry the name. Even more proud that as we speak the G and R men became more than a parent could ever ask.

He was a member of the American Legion Post # 0136, Brooks Historical Society and BCCA.

Loving animals and children were his being. He raised many Herford and Angus cattle, nursing all the babies who needed him, including kitties, goats, calves and birds.

His grandchildren were his world and he was so proud of the hard working children. He never missed a softball, football or basketball game in which one or more grandchildren were playing. The great grandchildren are what lit up the room for him, his special name for each. "My little dancing girl." He couldn't wait to find someone who would listen



G. Standish



to how proud he was of "Joe."

Survivors include his wife Dorene (of 42 years), sister Lorraine Gesner (Royal); children Gary Warren Standish (Teresa Lohn) Robert Alan Standish (Gina Goad), Lisa Hynes, and Rob Koenig (Dawn); grandchildren: Brandon, Shannon and Corben Standish, Megan Maxwell, Melissa Nored, Brittny Smith, Keeton Standish, Jeremiah, Tyrel and Eden Speer, Jamie Peterson, Michelle Davis, McKenna, Joe and Madison Hynes. Tiffany Hillman, Brittny Prince, Jeff and Dakota Koenig; and great-grandchildren Victoria and Colton Standish, Rylan Williams, Arlo and Ivey Maxwell, Evan and Nicholas Smith, Zayden Standish, Knox Nored, Brilen and Greylen Smith, Kaylee, Matthew, David, Julia and

Elizabeth Peterson, McKenzie and Kelsey Ratzlaff, Alexa Mollett, Emmett Davis, Hailee and Conor Hillman, Anna, Emma and Clara Prince, Owen and Ava Koenig.

Proceeded in death by his parents, brother Wayne Standish, sister Annabelle Austad, daughter Cheryl Lynn Barclay, grandson Johnathon Standish and great-granddaughter Allie Speer.

Funeral arrangements will be held at New Harvest Church 4290 Portland Road N.E. in Salem on Saturday Aug. 29 at 11 a.m. Viewing will be at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

# Schools: 'An opportunity to put students in charge'

BY MATT RAWLINGS  
*Of the Keizertimes*

The Salem-Keizer School Board meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 25 featured members of Salem-Keizer Public School (SKPS) cabinet discussing school reentry planning and curriculum updates, as well as other topics.

While the majority of the students in the district will be participating in comprehensive distance learning due to COVID-19, SKPS Superintendent Christy Perry estimated that more than 6,000 students will be active in the district's EDGE program — a comprehensive all-online learning academy.

When in-person classes were canceled in March, many students left their personal belongings at school that they weren't able to retrieve. Students additionally weren't able to return borrowed items, such as library books and band equipment. Although she didn't have specific dates, Perry did state that over the next three weeks, schools would need to figure out how to get personal items back to students.

The Oregon Schools Activities Association (OSAA) made the decision earlier this month to postpone all sports until January. From Aug. 31 to Dec. 27,

the permission of sports and activities will not be designated by the OSAA, but instead be determined by local school districts — meaning that schools could potentially hold practices and workouts during that time.

SKPS, however, is electing to stay on the conservative side as Perry told the board that September will serve as a moratorium month for all Salem-Keizer high school athletic programs.

"We need kids and coaches to get back in school and connected into comprehensive distance learning," Perry said. "We want to wait and see what the metrics say as far as when it's safe to return. It's really hard to return to practice and not have kids return to school."

Iton Udosenata, the assistant superintendent for secondary education, gave a pair of curriculum updates regarding social studies and embedded honors classes.

Starting this school year, SKPS is striving to shift the social studies vision from studying dates and events to critical thinking, analysis and discourse. The district will also put more of a focus on units specific to Pacific Islanders/Native Hawaiians and Native Americans.

"Our staff has been hard at work to try to develop curriculum that will be rigorous for students but also challenge students to be critical thinkers," Udosenata said.

Embedded honors, on the other hand, allows high school students to choose to take hon-

ors classes until the third week of the semester before deciding if they want to continue.

The district believes that this method removes barriers and encourages more students to engage in more rigorous coursework.

"We see this as an opportunity to put students in control of their educational pathways," Udosenata said. "We really hope that this will be a structure that gives kids self-efficacy."

The district hopes that this new strategy will get more students into honors and advanced placement courses.

"Our goal is to open up opportunities early that don't hold any oppressive structures that will hold kids back, so that all kids will have access to advanced placement," Perry said.

Kraig Sproles, assistant superintendent for elementary education, shared about how the district is still a ways from going to a blended learning model — which would involve students coming back to school on a part-time basis.

To get back to some sort of in-person school, Marion County would have to see a positive COVID-19 testing rate at below 5% for three consecutive weeks — the rate is currently at 11.2%. They also need to have under 10 cases per 100,000 people to run blended learning — Marion County currently has 88 cases per 100,000 as of Tuesday.

"It's a sobering look at our data," Sproles said.

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