

Wing soars into retirement

By MATT RAWLINGS
Of the Keizertimes

Wally Wing has spent the majority of his life in the gym.

Whether it has been coaching or teaching physical education, Wing



has been dedicated to imparting wisdom to youngsters for nearly four decades.

But after 32 years as a physical education teacher at Gubser Elementary, Wing decided that it was time to enter the next phase of his life: retirement.

Wing has seen a lot of changes in his time as a Gubser P.E teacher, not only at the school, but in the entire Salem-Keizer School District (SKSD).

“You know it’s time to retire when your old office gets bricked in. Or when your ID number for (SKSD) is three digits when everyone else’s is seven or eight,” Wing said with a smile.

After graduating from Redmond High School in 1978, Wing attended and played basketball at Central Oregon Community College before finishing up his education at Oregon State University.

Wing moved back to central Oregon after graduating college in 1982, where he spent several years working as a plumber and managing a ranch. But Wing’s heart wanted

He taught the fundamentals of the game, but most importantly he taught the fundamentals of life.

— GORDIE JAMES, Fmr. Head Coach,
WILLAMETTE UNIV. BASKETBALL

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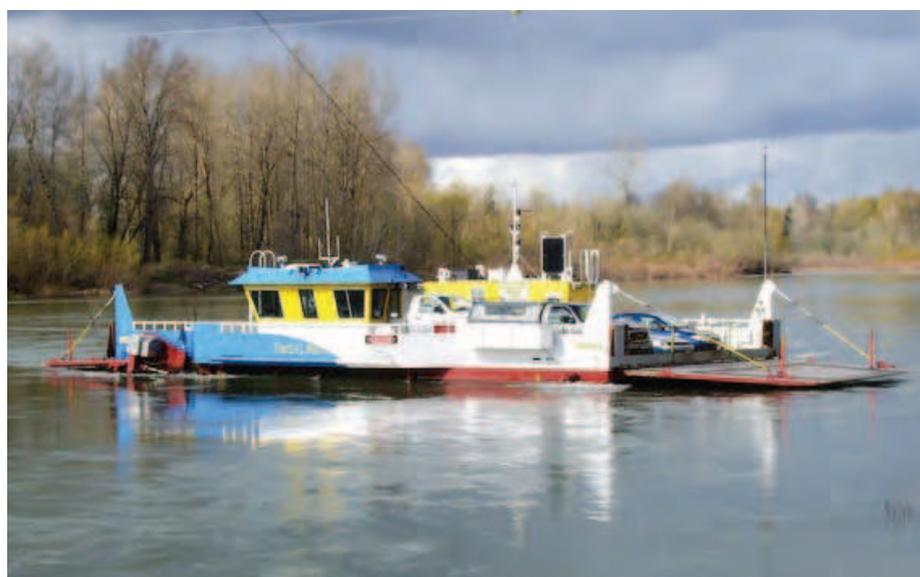


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ABOVE: After more than 30 years as a teacher and coach of Keizer kids, Wally Wing is heading off into the sunset.

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Two swimmers missing, presumed drowned



Two swimmers went missing Saturday, June 26, one near the Wheatland Ferry just north of Keizer. PHOTO COURTESY Crow Engineering

Two men are missing in separate swimming incidents that took place Saturday, June 26.

About 7 p.m., Yamhill County Sheriff’s Office Marine Patrol deputies were dispatched to a missing swimmer report near the Willamette Ferry. Upon arrival, deputies learned that Nasiruddin Shaik, 37, of Salem, was last seen struggling in the water off the Marion County river bank.

A contingent of law enforcement, fire/rescue personnel, and volunteers searched the waterway and river bank, utilizing multiple boats and a helicopter. The search was suspended about 10 p.m. until the following morning.

Fifteen minutes later, Yamhill County

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