

POST: ‘...it appears that the best action I can take for my district and my family is to resign...’ *Continued from page A1*

Session,” Post said in a press release .
 Post has been a resident of Keizer since 1994 and has served as state representative for Keizer, St. Paul and Newberg since 2014. While Post had announced in early September that he would not be seeking re-election, his current term wasn’t set to officially expire until January 2023.

Post’s resignation comes after he wrote on Facebook on Sept. 27 that he and his wife had sold their house in Keizer and moved to Nevada with 15 months remaining in his current term in office.

“I have to live in my district 183 days a year which I have well over that in 2021 and the Legislature is virtual the rest of the year. I’m still looking at my options for 2022,” Post wrote on Facebook at the

time.
 Legislative Counsel Dexter Johnson said in an email Friday that there is no 183-day requirement and pointed to a provision in the Oregon Constitution that states that a person may not be a senator or representative if the person “is not an inhabitant of the district” they’ve been chosen to represent at all times.

In an interview with the *Keizertimes* Monday, Post said he can’t exactly remember where he got the 183-day requirement from and did not know about the provision in the Oregon Constitution at the time of his announcement.

Post said that it was his intent “to be open with my constituents about my move out of state and the steps I’d be taking to continue to fulfill my duties.”

When asked if his decision to move to Nevada would have been different had he known the residency laws, Post said, “I don’t know because I just had all intentions and purposes to do what I did based on the information that I had. So I don’t know, that would just be too much speculation.”

Republican Precinct Committee Persons of District 25 will now be tasked with nominating between three to five Republican candidates to fill Post’s

position for the next 15 months.
 The board of commissioners in Yamhill and Marion counties, both partially represented by state District 25, will then interview the candidates and vote to appoint Post’s replacement. A replacement would need to be selected within 30 days of the vacancy.

News tip? Contact reporter Joey Cappelletti at editor@keizertimes.com or 616-610-3093.

obituary

Donna R. O’Neill

March 20, 1938 – Sept. 22, 2021

Donna R. O’Neill was born on March 20, 1938 in Sioux City, Iowa, to LeRoy and Merle Gifford, the second of four children, having lost one brother at birth. She breathed her last breath on this earth on Sept. 22, 2021 — her first breath of eternity with Christ.

When she was young her family moved to the Portland area. She went to Oregon City High School, and was a Rose Festival Princess. She met a handsome 21-year-old sailor, William (Bill) E. O’Neill while he was home on leave, through a mutual friend. They married soon after, on Dec. 7, 1956, and moved to Oahu, Hawaii, where Bill was stationed and they lived for three years until Bill’s discharge. Before moving back to Oregon they welcomed their first son, Mark in 1959. They finally located in Salem, where Bill began work for the Oregon State Police. In 1962 they had Mike, and moved to Keizer. Besides being a full time mom, Donna began working in administrative roles until landing in the Salem-Keizer School District.

After retiring from there, she went back to school to become a travel



DONNA R. O’NEILL

agent, eventually having her own travel business until her cancer diagnosis in 2018. Donna and Bill travelled around the globe, covering the Caribbean, Canada, the islands of the Pacific, New Zealand, Australia, China, almost every country in Europe and some Eastern European countries.

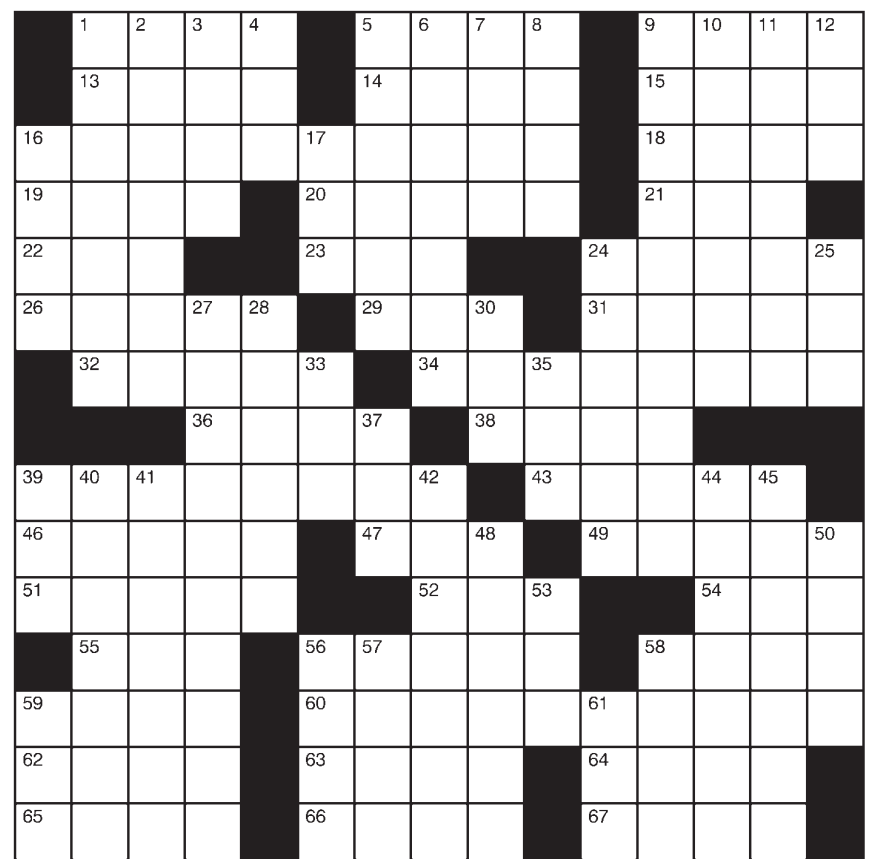
While in town she enjoyed spending time with her kids and grandkids, friends, shopping, attending MOAA meetings and events, Bill’s Lodge functions, and studying the family genealogy.

Donna is survived by her husband, Bill, her sons Mark, Mike (Shelly), five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, her sister and brother.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Oct. 23, 10 a.m. at Salem First Church of the Nazarene, 1550 Market St.

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