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Keizer Parks Supervisor Robert Johnson talks with members of the Keizer City Council and Keizer Parks Board during a tour of parks Monday, Sept. 11.

Skate park work breathes new life into local scene

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Saturday, Sept. 9, is a day that Robert Johnson will remember for a while.

After overseeing a huge group of volunteers removing wood chips from the Big Toy, the Keizer parks supervisor was on his way home driving past Carlson Skate Park when something unexpected happened.

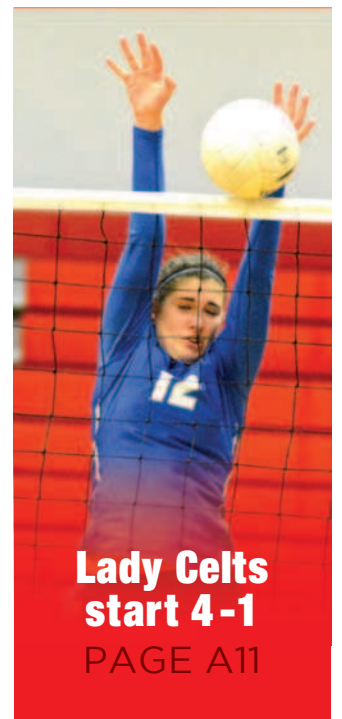
"I saw this head pop up over the ramps when someone did a trick off the center diamond. It was the first time I've seen

the kids doing tricks like that in years," Johnson eagerly told city councilors and parks board members during a tour of parks Monday, Sept. 11.

Johnson stopped his car and pulled into the parking lot to watch the kids and adults make use of the newly-rehabbed facility. Within a few minutes he was outside his car taking with people using the park for the first time in a while.

"This park had become a scooter park because the scooters are the only ones

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President's actions could end with deportation of MHS grad

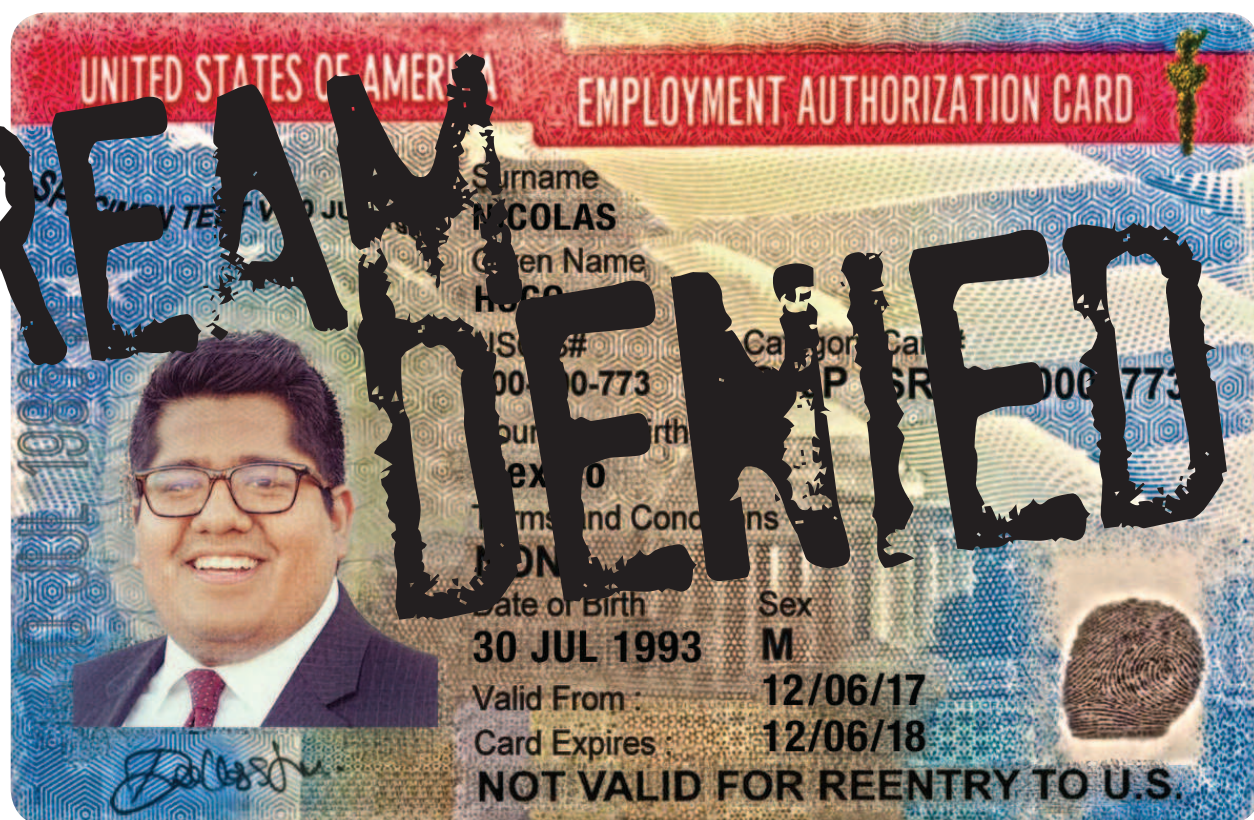
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As a middle school student, Hugo Nicolas made a vow to himself.

"I told myself that even if people reject me or deny me things, I will still do my best to uphold the values of this country. I would like to help this nation be better because it gave me so many opportunities and helped me see the world in a different way," Nicolas said. "Right now, it's hard because I love this country. It's just so bittersweet. My emotions are mixed."

In August 2012, two months after graduating from McNary High School, Nicolas enrolled in a then-new program, called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), authorized through executive action by President Barack Obama. DACA did not confer or create a path to citizenship for undocumented children brought to the United States before their 16th birthdays, but it was a huge shift for Nicolas. At age 11, he walked across a desert hand-in-hand with his mother, through a barbed wire

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New pastor
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School district works to quell fears regarding end of DACA

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It's barely 10 days into the school year, and McNary High School Principal Erik Jespersen has already had several conversations about the impact of a federal decision to

roll back protections provided to undocumented students through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

"I know that we have some (Deferred Action students) and there are some students and

families that are concerned. Our stance is that we are wanting to support all of our students," Jespersen said. "I'm certain that despite the anxiety there's a lot of questions to be asked and answered."

On Sept. 5, the Trump administration announced it would wind down the DACA program that provides

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Lakepoint ServeFest arrives Sept. 24

Canceling Sunday church is a radical move, but that is exactly what the leaders of Lakepoint Community Church will do on Sept. 24.

In place of traditional services, the church will host ServeFest 2017 at the Keizer Civic Center, to provide needed services from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

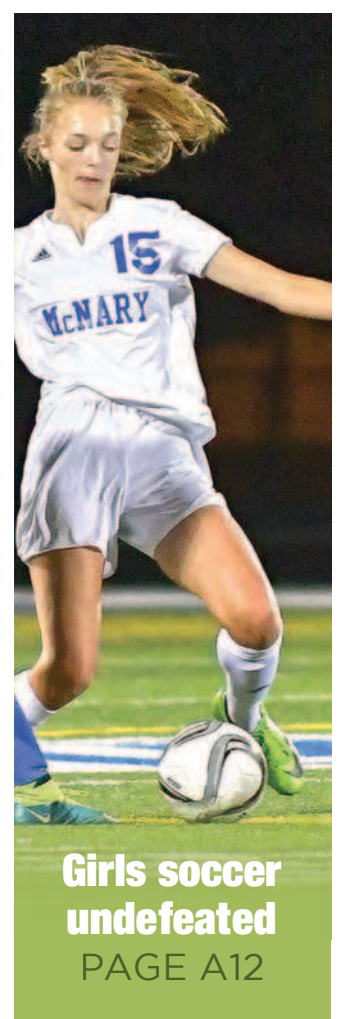
The annual ServeFest is a ministry that encourages Christians to mobilize and "be the church" by practicing their faith in a way that serves critical needs within their community.

Some 200-plus members of Lakepoint Community

Church will host ServeFest 2014. Lakepoint will provide lunches, family photos, haircuts, manicures, wellness clinic, including vaccinations (those being vaccinated will need to bring their medical insurance cards with them), bicycle repair, a children's carnival and many other free services for the community.

In addition to these services, Lakepoint will be giving away free school supplies, personal care items, clothing for people of all ages and surprise raffle items.

All are welcome. Keizer Civic Center is located at 930 Chemawa Road N.E. in Keizer.



Girls soccer undefeated
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Helping hands



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Anala Ver (from left), Jaysa Garner and Lillian Richardson were three members of the army of volunteers removing wood chips from the The Big Toy on Saturday, Sept. 9. See Page A3.

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