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Brad and Claire Lomax, Taylor Johnson, Sarah Eckert, Lizzie Bryant and Madesyn Samples place a tree in the Rotary Arboretum at Keizer Rapids Park Saturday, Feb. 3.

## Rooted in service

Eighty-five volunteers from the Rotary Club of Keizer, McNary High School, Whitaker Middle School, the Keizer City Council Keizer Parks Board community members made quick work of finishing the Rotary Arboretum at Keizer Rapids Park Saturday, Feb. 3.

The crew finished planting 43 trees in less than an hour.

The new 86-tree arboretum, which includes a tree for every active member of the Rotary Club of Keizer, includes trees recommended by the city as best for this area.

RIGHT: Abbi Covalt and Maddie Bevens fill in dirt around Camryn Miller who was packing in loose dirt for a firm base.

The planting was sponsored by Rotary and Keizer Parks, coordinated by the Claggett Creek Watershed Council, and made possible with donations by Keizer Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5100, HERC and Randy Miller.



Trey and Cody Johnson, 6 and 3, respectively, pitch in with kid-sized shovels.



Linda Pantalone holds a tree upright while her husband, Mike (right) and Jesse Ojada fill in dirt.

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outry from students at McNary High School who held a protest on the steps of the Oregon Capitol and then a sit-in at the school. Teachers at McNary also voiced opposition to the changes.

The new guidelines were only put in place for SKSD and, later, the Klamath School District. However, if they are allowed to stand, it could end up setting precedent for every mandatory reporter in the state including: physicians, clergy members, counselors, pharmacists, firefighters, and any compensated coach to name a few.

When a review of the law underlying the mandatory reporting policies by the Oregon

Attorney General Office found there were "ambiguities," Gelsler and Post moved forward with a bill to further define what constituted a reportable offense.

Gelsler took up the issue after calls regarding the change began flooding her office.

When Keizertimes asked University of Oregon School of Law Professor Leslie Harris to review the training materials given to teachers and explanations provided by the district for the changes, Harris said the new policies were "sad."

"The advice (given to the district) is extreme protect-yourself-from-liability kind of advice that has extremely bad consequences for students and teachers, and particularly for young people in difficult situations who need help," said Harris.

The bill was slated for a hearing by the Senate Committee on Human Services Tuesday, Feb. 6.

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we need additional personnel and we will have to have the resources available," Clark said.

Given a city budget that is drum-tight, Clark she said she didn't have the immediate answer to solve the question of

funding, "but I know who to ask," she said.

In addition to mayor's seat, the terms of three sitting city councilors — Bruce Anderson, Roland Herrera and Amy Ryan — expire in January 2019. Candidates can file to run for the soon-to-be open seats anytime before Aug. 28 for the November general election. The only requirements are having lived

in Keizer for the 12 months preceding the election and filing a petition with the city by gathering 120 qualified elector signatures. Candidates do not need to declare a party affiliation to run.

(Editor's note: The February 17 edition of the Keizertimes will feature a more in-depth conversation with Clark and her vision for a third term.)

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