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"It's a beautiful shelter that adds to what is available out at the park," said Lawyer in commentary before presenting Schneider with a clock for his service. "Hans is the kind of person who never asks for thanks other than being able to watch the kids playing at the courts."

Kohler was recognized as Volunteer of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2017. Kohler was honored for his effort in leading the a group of about 400 volunteers in removing bark chips from The Big Toy at Keizer Rapids Park. Between volunteers and three professional machine operators, the group removed an estimated 600 cubic yards of bark chips in less than a day to make way for a pour-in-place surface. The feat is estimated to have saved the city $7,500 in labor costs.

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> — Matt Lawyer

"We had folks not only from Keizer, but the regional area coming in to participate in this project because of Dan," said Lawyer.

James Decker, and Whiteaker Middle School, were honored as the Volunteers of Quarter for the fourth quarter of 2017. In October 2017, more than 200 Whiteaker students, enlisted by Decker, took part in a day of service that included removing invasive species, weeds and trash as well as spreading bark dust in planted areas and near the boat ramp. More than 400 hours of service were given.

Lawyer, who was nominated as Volunteer of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2018 by former city councilor Richard Walsh, was tapped for his efforts in numerous areas including: The Big Toy, Claggett Creek Watershed Council, the Keizer Chamber of Commerce's Men of Action, and the Keizer Parks Advisory Board where he spearheaded the charge to implement a service fee for parks.

"What Matt has done is a tremendous job of bringing the community together and fixing our parks," said City Councilor Marlene Parsons. "Not only did that pass, he's brought in members of our community to ask, 'What do you want?' Matt's a say, 'Yes' guy all the time and he has a supportive family that makes it possible."

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$25 billion on a border wall and would rather spend that money on infrastructure like roads and bridges.

"My pledge to all the Deamers is I'm staying at this until we get justice for the Dreamers," Wyden said. "They're an asset for us."

A man from the carpenters union asked Wyden about infrastructure.

"We can't have big league quality of life with little league infrastructure," Wyden responded. "I'm prepared to work with anybody that has a good idea but the country deserves more than Trump tolls," referring to the President's plan to lift the federal ban on interstate tolling.

McNary senior Jonas Honeyman asked Wyden which issues were not being discussed enough.

His response was health care and in particular Medicare, which in its current state will "dominate the budget for years to come," leaving less money for education, job training and parks.

"We are really in this together," Wyden said.

A member from the community asked Wyden to tell the crowd about the importance of voting.

Wyden, who serves on the Select Committee of Intelligence, started by saying its "crystal clear that Russians meddled in our 2016 election and intend to do so again in 2018 and 2020."

"I'm not going to let this be swept under the rug," he added. "It's too important to Oregon."

Wyden said he hoped by 2020 to take Oregon's vote by mail system nationally.

He was impressed with the questions he received from McNary students.

"I'm leaving McNary High School today feeling really good about the future," Wyden said.

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and they've really come out and supported us," said Kalugin.

"We were surprised from the first day," added Hammad. "We were worried, but we've had five-star reviews all over."

When *Keizertimes* first stopped in to talk with the owners on a Monday afternoon, the restaurant was so busy and packed that we postponed the talk for later in the week. When we returned on a brief respite three days later, Hammad and Kalugin were looking through a local home guide for available properties in Keizer.

"We like this community and we're going to try to buy a house here," Hammad said.

Kalugin had been pressuring Hammad to look into expansion in the Salem area.

"I knew they didn't have much of anything here and I told him we needed to expand to the Salem area," said Kalugin.

It was Kamis's desire for a restaurant to call her own that finally moved the needle. Kamis championed a Keizer locale over Salem.

When Kamis was ready, the transition began quickly.

Gyro Stop offers a lengthy list of Mediterranean fare from gyros to falafel and dinner plates to mezza-style sampling platters with tastes drawn from the other sections of the menu.

"Our focus is healthy and homemade. We make our bread dough every day several times a day," Kalugin said.

Gyro meat, a combination of lamb and beef, is cooked on a vertical spinner that allows all the fat to run out of it. Thick cuts make for a hearty meal at Gyro Stop.

The business is in the process of applying for a license to serve beer and wine and Kalugin is hoping to bring in belly dancers from time to time.

"It was a big hit on our opening day and customers have been asking when we'll have them back," Kalugin said.

Gyro Stop is open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday noon to 8 p.m.; and closed Sundays.

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Tanya Kalugin takes an order at Gyro Stop on River Road North. The restaurant opened in late January.

Cops and coffee

Members of the Keizer Police Department took time to talk with city residents at the Keizer Station McDonald's Tuesday, Feb. 27. The event was part of a semi-regular Coffee with a Cop outreach effort on the part of KPD.

CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Officers Eric Jefferson, Esteban Perez and Sgt. Andrew Copeland hang out with McDonalds visitors.

Photos by Dorothy Diehl, KPD community outreach specialist

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