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this is something I should consider. When I found out Bruce was stepping down, I felt like it was time to step up," Kohler said.

Kohler is president of Professional Preneeds, a business that assists families with putting in place funeral arrangements. He's also a licensed funeral director and embalmer. Given the nature of his business, which requires sometimes difficult conversations around a topic no one particularly enjoys, Kohler said the thing he can bring to the council is attentive listening.

"Sometimes people have a specific idea in mind (about their funeral) and you have to look at how that decision affects the people you leave behind," Kohler said. "I feel blessed with the ability to

listen to people and figure out how to get along and be a peacemaker."

Chief among the concerns Kohler expects to be a voice in are planning Keizer's growth, traffic along River Road North, how to develop the dwindling open spaces left in city limits and trying to figure out how to get the city's youth baseball organizations to get along.

On the topic of growth, Kohler said a recent trip to Kansas City informed his latest views on the issue.

"I was looking at their urban sprawl and I didn't want Keizer to become that," Kohler said. "It's something I have to study more, but there are a lot of possibilities. I just think we need to be careful and do what is right."

How and whether to change the way property develops along River Road North goes hand-in-hand with the city's overall trajectory and Kohler wanted

to do more listening there as well.

"We just need to hear from all the parties involved and do what's right. You have to examine what's best even if it's unpopular with some people. Somebody is going to be unhappy no matter what, but we have to do what benefits the majority," Kohler said.

There's also an opportunity for the city to benefit from Kohler's experience with large-scale volunteer efforts, particularly at a time when several recent projects – such as The Big Toy construction and the Keizer Eclipse Festival – fell short of helping hands.

While a couple of hundred people turned out to remove wood chips at The Big Toy, Kohler had different groups sign up for two-hour shifts so there were never large numbers milling about without work to do and those that were helping knew

they could expect relief.

As a result of that effort, and others in the community, Anderson had no trouble endorsing Kohler as his replacement.

"He's demonstrated a clear commitment to service and done so many things in the community to prepare him for a place on the council. The Big Toy (chip removal) was an immense project and that level of commitment to the community is a huge statement about where his priorities with respect to this community lie," Anderson said.

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tasks before it, he said. Anderson also lauded the efforts of the city staff.

"The amazing city staff we have are remarkable and it's hard to appreciate the quality that we have," he said. "We've had this conscious effort to be mindful of how money is spent in Keizer that pre-dates the restrictions placed at the state level. We are so fortunate and blessed to have people that care for and love this city."

He called out all of the heads of departments by name, but singled out City Manager Chris Eppley and Finance Director Tim Wood. "Chris is the hallmark of city managers for the entire state and I have especially appreciated Tim's level of attention to detail," Anderson said.

He also noted his appreciation for colleagues on the council itself, which he said runs without the acrimony, or bitterness, of some other municipal bodies around the state.

"We've got so many good things going on in this community and the direction we are headed in is quite intriguing," he said.

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### Marie Halbeisen Sullivan

June 9, 1925 – May 12, 2018

Marie Halbeisen Sullivan, long time Oregon resident, died on May 12, 2018 in Keizer. Friends and family will gather on June 9, 11 a.m. to celebrate Marie's life and 93rd birthday at Restlawn Funeral Home, 201 Oak Grove Rd. NW, Salem.

Marie Manitsas was born to parents Margaret Crews and Peter Manitsas on June 9, 1925. She was the third of eight children born in Wilmington, NC.

During World War II, Marie married her sweetheart William Branton King. Their children William, Nancy and Susan King were born in NC. Upon her husband's accidental death, a young widowed Marie relocated to Salem/Keizer Oregon. This tenacious Tarheel grew webfeet and dropped her southern accent, but not the tradition of Southern hospitality.

Marie married Lyle Halbeisen in Salem and son Steven was born. They were members of the Keizer Volunteer Fire and Auxillary, business owners of Lyle's Furnace Service and the Flower Boutique. Keizer was their

home where they raised Bill, Nancy, Sue and Steve.

In 1996, Lyle passed, but widowhood was short-lived when Marie and Thomas Sullivan married. Together they enjoyed blending their families and hosting innumerable card games.

Marie was a beloved mother, friend, aunt, sister and grandmother. She was a domestic goddess always sharing her beautiful home and scrumptious goodies. She was preceded in death by husbands; William King, Lyle Halbeisen, and Thomas Sullivan, son, Steven Halbeisen, and grandsons Jefferson and Morgan Taylor. She is survived by her children, Bill (Pha) King, Nancy King Taylor, Susan (Jerry) King Kooztz; daughter-in-law Debra Halbeisen; step-children Jerry and Barbara Miner, Gary and Alan Sullivan; grandsons Matt Kooztz, Jerry and Bill King, Brice and Alex Halbeisen, brother John Manitsas, and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that you donate to Make-A-Wish Foundation.

### Lyle Anderson

February 25, 1932– May 19, 2018

Lyle Anderson was born on Feb. 25, 1932, in Parshall, ND and passed away peacefully on May 19, 2018.

Lyle married DeNae S. Reuter on Jan. 25, 1957 and they settled in Salem, Ore. Lyle got his teaching degree at Oregon College of Education and after graduating they relocated to Creswell, OR for the offer of a one-year teaching position at Creswell Middle School. He retired from there 27 years later. Shortly after retirement, they moved to

Keizer to be closer to family.

Lyle's hobbies were golfing, bowling, yardwork and of course his trips to Reno and the casino.

Lyle was preceded in death by his wife DeNae in September 2013. He is survived by his daughter Kris Kahler, son-in-law Bruce Kahler and granddaughter Kari Kahler, and his extended family, Brandon and Nic Kahler, Kristal Clubb and their families.

A Celebration of Life Open House will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., on June 16 at his daughter's house in Keizer. Arrangements by Restlawn Funeral Home; online at RestlawnFH.com.



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