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Diehl named volunteer of quarter

A longtime Keizer volunteer, and former employee of both the city and Keizer Police Department, was honored as Keizer's Volunteer of the Quarter Monday, Nov. 16.

Dorothy Diehl started as a liaison to the Claggett Creek Watershed Committee until she resigned her position at the city. However, she joined the committee as a volunteer afterward.

During her time on the committee, Diehl has helped organize Earth Day events, Soggy Days in the Park and photo contests. She was nominated by another longtime city volunteer, Matt Lawyer.

"We've planted dozens and dozens of trees together and removed untold amounts of invasive species and trash from Ben Miller Park," Lawyer told the members of the council.

In a nomination letter, Lawyer cited her family approach as making her stand out from the average volunteer.

"By including her family,



Diehl

she helped set a new standard for family engagement in volunteer projects," Lawyer wrote.

When approached with

the nomination by Lawyer, Diehl thought it was absurd given the time Lawyer himself puts in.

"That's when he explained that bringing my kids out to volunteer with me inspired him to bring his kids out with him. After that, I tried to stop thinking it was absurd and treat it as an incredible honor," Diehl said. "You can't tell I'm smiling behind this mask, but I'm beaming."

SKPS makes changes due to two-week freeze order



On Friday, Nov. 13, Oregon Governor Kate Brown announced a statewide two-week freeze on activities, which took effect on Wednesday, Nov. 18. After receiving additional guidance from the Oregon Department of Education, the district has made the decision to reduce limited in-person instruction and suspend all athletic activities across the district.

Grab-n-go meals will continue to be available Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. An up-to-date list of distribution sites is always available on the district website (<https://salkeiz.k12.or.us/>).

School offices will be closed to the public. Schools can still be reached Monday through Friday by phone.

Keizer Elementary to be featured on KPTV series

This year, amid a pandemic, FOX 12 will regularly go inside Keizer Elementary to share the stories of teachers, staff and students firsthand, in a new series called "Keizer Strong."

Lizi Aguilar-Nelson, who is in her first year as the principal of Keizer Elementary, shared about the love she already has for the school.

"The first time I came to Keizer and I opened my car door and I looked at the school, it's a beautiful school from outside but the truth is, this is a building right," said Aguilar-Nelson. "A school is really when kids are here, when parents are here, when community members are here, when instruction is happening, that's really what makes a building a school."

Being at a new school in the middle of a pandemic provides a unique challenge, but she said it didn't take



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long to learn the current empty building is in no way a representation of Keizer or the people who aren't here to fill it.

"Nowadays, it is a little bit different or a lot a bit different, but instruction is still happening, teachers are still collaborating, working together," said Aguilar-Nelson. "That relationship among

community, parents, students, teachers is there and it's stronger."

"I think the saying it takes a community, take a village to raise a kid, right now during this pandemic, it's really when we see it and I've seen it and I've experienced it almost every day."

FOX 12 will share the stories that come out of Keizer Elementary throughout the school year, on air and online.



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