

VOLUNTEER
of the Week

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Where and how do you volunteer?

"I volunteer a lot with the Keizer Chamber of Commerce year round with events, greeters, and anything Corri needs help with and I also am involved with the Keizer Network of Women (K.N.O.W.) that plans the Percey event that's in September, which provides funding for the Giving Basket Program in December for Keizer kids and families in need."

Why do you volunteer?

"I volunteer because it helps my community and you get to meet so many amazing people along the way."

What does volunteering do for you?

"Volunteering brings me happiness and a sense of purpose in my community."

How would you get others to volunteer in their community?

"Ask your friends and your neighbors to come to different volunteering opportunities with you until they say yes. One might speak to them eventually."

Local artist debuts Insta art at Keizer Rapids Park

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Keizer artist Bella Biondi poses next to her new art creation by the Big Toy at Keizer Rapids Park. Photo by BROOKLYN FLINT of Keizertimes

THE BIG TOY playground in Keizer Rapids Park says hello to "Insta-art" by local artist, Bella Biondi. Her piece includes butterfly, ladybug, and dragon wings at different heights for people to take photos in front of. The entire process of getting approved and finishing the mural ended up taking weeks, but started with just a sketch.

Biondi started doing art a young age but didn't take it seriously until she was in high school.

"When I was a kid, I drew a lot because I thought it was fun and I liked to be creative, but later down the line I started to take art more seriously because I realized that art was one of the few things I was actually passionate about enough to want to improve at it," Biondi said.

Biondi then became the youth liaison for the Keizer Public Arts Commission where they discussed plans of adding "Insta-art" all around Keizer.

"Insta-art is basically art that is

designed to encourage people to take photos with it. I casually mentioned that I've done a mural like that before and I was offered the opportunity to work on the project," Biondi said.

She did an angel wing art mural in 2019 which inspired her to do the new mural.

Biondi started by making a proposal for

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