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McNary hosting FBLA regionals

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McNary High School senior Suni Payne didn't entirely know what she was getting into when she joined FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) two and half years ago.

"I've always wanted to be an entrepreneur and when picking our schedules, I wanted to get involved in the business programs here and honestly I didn't know what this (FBLA) was when I started," she said.

But Payne, who wants to one day own her own bakery, quickly got involved and joined the officer team at McNary. Last spring she was then voted vice president of the Willamette Valley regional at the Oregon FBLA State Conference in Portland.

"I enjoy leading people," Payne said. "I like doing this type of stuff. I thought it was a really good fit for me. Being a state officer this year, I've definitely grown as a public speaker. I love speaking in front of people now. FBLA offers so many opportunities, connecting with business owners outside of school and in our community."



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McNary FBLA officers Samuel Hernandea, Suni Payne, Raeleen Daniel, Samantha Van Voorhis, Abby Smith and Kolby Barker are leading the high school's efforts to host the Willamette Valley Regional Skills Conference on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Brad Lomax, a McNary business teacher and the club's advisor, has seen Payne mature through her work

with FBLA.

"She's a perfect example of a student getting involved in an after school program

and being immersed in it and taking responsibility for it and growing as a person," Lomax said.

As a VP, Payne and McNary will host seven other high schools (McKay, North Salem, West Albany, Central, Silverton, Stayton and Kennedy) in the Willamette Valley FBLA Regional Skills Conference on Saturday, Feb. 11.

More than 160 students will compete in events like accounting, banking and financial systems, entrepreneurship and public speaking through role playing case studies and online tests. When not competing, students will also have the opportunity to participate in workshops put on by business leaders in the community.

The regional conference is practice for state, which this year takes place April 6-8 in Portland. How a student performs at regionals does not determine whether they go to state.

"The main goal of this is to get instruction and help from the judges because this is in preparation for state so any feedback on how they can increase their performance, I think that's the key to this entire event and the reason for doing it," said McNary FBLA President Samuel Hernandea.

McNary has 64 students in FBLA, the largest percentage of any school in its region. The club meets each Wednesday after school.

Kolby Barker, McNary's vice president of public relations, is working on getting local business people to judge the events.

"I joined (FBLA) so I could get some kind of business experience before going into college and then my career after that," Barker said. "I just think it's a really great opportunity to get a head start on learning about business and how a real job works. With football, I don't have time to go out and get a job so this is my alternative to that."

The regional conference begins with the opening ceremony at 8:30 a.m., followed by competition until noon and then lunch and awards.

"We make it a big deal (at state) and we're hoping to do the same thing (at McNary)," Lomax said. "We don't want to just open the doors and let people in. We're hoping that people have a great experience and enjoy what they're doing, walk away with some experience with business and maybe have some goals for later in life."

Pentacle Theatre announces 2017 line-up

Salem's Pentacle Theatre is getting ready to present the following upcoming shows:

- *Noises Off* by Michael Frayn will be performed from Jan. 20 to Feb. 11. *Noises Off* is a play within a play, a farce about a cast who are putting together a production of *Nothing On* (the play within *Noises Off*). It is about the drama and chaos that ensues backstage.
- *Emma's Child* by Kristine Thatcher will be performed from Mar. 3 to Mar. 25. The

play is a drama about a woman's attachment to the child she had hoped to adopt.

- *Jesus Christ, Superstar* by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice will be performed from April 14 to May 6. The play is a rock opera retelling of the last days of Jesus Christ.
- *Leading Ladies* by Ken Ludwig will be performed from May 26 to June 17. *Leading Ladies* is a comedy about two Shakespearian actors who find

themselves in an Amish community in York, Pennsylvania mounting Shakespeare plays.

- *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* by Edward Albee will be performed from July 7 to Jul. 29. The play follows the withering marriage of middle-aged couple Martha and George.
- *Spamalot* will be performed from Aug. 18 to Sept. 9. This production is a new musical lovingly ripped off from the motion picture *Monty*

Python and the Holy Grail.

- *Almost, Maine* by John Ciani will be performed from Sept. 29 to Oct. 21. *Almost, Maine* is comprised of nine short plays that examine love and loss in a town called Almost, Maine.

For more information and tickets, visit pentacletheatre.org.

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- The following students have been named on the dean's list at George Fox University in Newberg: Hunter Bomar, junior, majoring in organizational communication; Austin Coburn, senior, majoring in cinema and media communication; Araya Glancy, freshman, majoring in theatre; Emily Loyd, sophomore, majoring in nursing.

- The following students recently graduated from George Fox University in Newberg: Christina Mack Love, bachelor of arts in management and organizational leadership; Torene Ruiz, bachelor of arts in social and behavioral studies.

City seeking volunteers

The City of Keizer is looking for people to become involved in the following committees:

- The Keizer Points of Interest Committee identifies, authenticates, and memorializes sites of interest located in the Keizer area. The Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

- The Mid-Willamette Valley Community Development Partnership identifies regional community development priorities and facilitates regional, intergovernmental coordination of development initiatives. The board meets once a year at the Council of Governments building in downtown Salem.

- The Festival Advisory Board researches feasible developing venues for events and festivals, streamlining policies and ordinances for potential events, developing an all-inclusive community calendar, and developing a marketing plan to enhance the use of Keizer-area facilities for events, festivals, and conferences. The committee meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

Student art show opens Feb. 2

The Keizer Art Association is inviting McNary High School art students to submit entries for this year's McNary High School Show. Entries will be artist's choice of subject and medium (2D, 3D and/or photography).

There will be an artist's reception held on Feb. 4 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The public, artists, family and friends are invited to attend. Awards will be presented. The show itself will run from Feb. 2 to Feb. 25.

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