



Photos submitted by Madi Valish
Above: Jaida Watson, Skyla Cawthon Christopher Rodriguez and John Bryant share a scene. Left: Julia Fegles directs the attention of Ryver Nakayoshi.

Going *Measure for Measure* at MHS

The final play of McNary High School's drama season has its final shows May 1 and 2.

The curtain opens for William Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure* at 7 p.m. both evenings. Tickets are \$5.

The story revolves around a sister's attempts to save the life of her brother after he impregnates his girlfriend out of wedlock.

Jaida Watson, who plays Isabella, said the

best reason to see it is because it defies expectations for the Bard.

"It's so unlike the romances and the tragedies he is known for," she said.

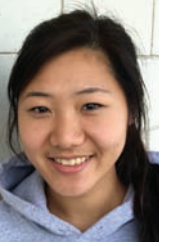
Despite being first performed in 1604, Skyla Cawthon, who plays Mariana, found the lessons pertinent even today.

"The story takes place in a different time period, but the choices the characters have to make are still relevant," she said.

McNary senior snags \$2K for college

McNary High School senior Joyce Lim applied for so many scholarships last fall that when an e-mail arrived telling her she'd been awarded the Kaiser Permanente Health Care Career Scholarship, it went unnoticed.

"I'd been getting so many follow-up messages that I didn't realize I'd gotten it until a teacher congratulated me in the hallway," Lim said.



Joyce Lim

The scholarship is worth \$2,000. Lim plans to study to become a nurse in college.

"I can go to Chemeketa for two years for free with their Scholars program, but then I will probably transfer to Linfield," Lim said.

Recipients of the Kaiser Permanente scholarship will be recognized at an awards ceremony on Saturday, May 16, at the Oregon Health & Science University Collaborative Life Sciences Building in Portland.

"Joyce does not just choose the easy way; she challenges herself, and if she is not naturally excellent in something, she knows how to work hard to achieve at a high level. This combination of natural gifts and hard work will serve her well as she embarks on her college career," said Laura Reid, Lim's college writing teacher at McNary.

SK schools get budget increase

By HERB SWETT
For the Keizertimes

For the second year in a row, the Salem-Keizer School District has a budget increase, the subject of Tuesday's message from Superintendent Christy Perry to the district budget committee.

The 2015-16 proposed budget totals \$654,160,402, up from the \$621,356,557 figure for 2014-15. Perry's message focused on the general fund, which amounts to \$432,907,528, or 66 percent of the total budget.

The committee, which consists of the seven school board members and seven people from the general public, will meet again May 11 for committee members to question school budget staff.

There will be no public testimony May 11. Public testimony will be received on May 18 and 19, and the committee will discuss the budget further May 20 and if necessary May 21 for its vote on the budget proposal.

Board adoption of the budget is scheduled for June 9.

All the meetings will start at 6 p.m. in the Support Services Center in Salem, the usual meeting place of the board.

Under the current budget proposal, she said, the district would be able to fund full-day kindergarten, add teachers to address classroom sizes in the middle schools and high schools, reorganize funds so all K-12 schools would have half-time effective learning teachers, add behavior specialists and counselors and hire two more teachers to help students stay on track for graduation.

For direct support to students, Perry told the committee there would be money to replace failing telephone systems, add textbook-tracking software, increase transportation funding and add nursing and security services for summer school programs.

Most of the general fund comes from property taxes and the state school fund. The fund pays for student instruction, the schools and general operations.



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