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The 14U Celts from left to right: Coach Keith Flores, Coach Rod Comstock, Jose Uribe, Ethan Patterson, Daniel Mood, Andrew Brown, Devin Hand, Riley Flores, Manager Jason Flores, Rennick Jeffries, Joel Knight, Preston Rutter, Cameron Zerbe and Layton

4U Celts win Banks Invite

Nationals team won the Banks Invitational Baseball Tournament on Mother's Day, May 10.

during the two-day tournament with an 8-7 win over Gaston, a 13-4 win over Banks, an 11-3 win in a rematch against Gaston, and a 14-12 win over Lake Oswego in the championship game.

At the plate the Celts were led by Andrew Brown and Rennick Jeffries with six hits each. Joel Knight, Devin

The Keizer Celts 14U Hand and Riley Flores had five hits each. Jeffries paced the team with seven RBIs. Jose Uribe put five runs across the dish while Flores The team was undefeated and Hand had four RBIs apiece. For the tournament, the team batted a solid .404, stole a staggering 55 bases, and outscored their opponents 46-26.

Keizer's pitchers struggled with a small strike zone all weekend, but still held the opposition to a stingy 22 hits over four games. Layton Thurlow led on the mound with 14 strikeouts over eight

innings pitched. Cameron Zerbe, Knight, and Jeffries also made solid contributions on the bump.

Coach Jason Flores said the team succeeded by playing smart, fundamental baseball throughout the tournament.

"We kept the other teams from getting big innings by fielding smartly and making some big plays when we needed to. Other than a practice game a couple of weeks ago, these were our first real games this season and I'm really proud of the

way the boys pulled together," Flores said. "Every player contributed in many ways making it a true team effort. It was a great way to start our season off and to show evervone what Keizer baseball is about."

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expanded conference, which went from six teams to nine. teams, it wasn't a bad haul for McNary.

"I'd like to take more kids to state, but I didn't know what to expect at the beginning of the season. I think the kids we are taking to state are in a good position to do well there because of the confidence they have coming out on top in a larger league," Gauntz said.



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McNary High School's Athletic Booster Club will hold its fourth annual dinner and auction on Saturday, May 30, at the McNary Restaurant & Golf Course.

This year, the club will also be having a golf and foot golf, described as a combination of soccer and golf, tournament before the evening's events. The last three athletic benefits raised enough to renovate the athletic training room, which serves to rehabilitate injured athletes and help prevent future injuries, purchase needed equipment for teams and create a fund to help support athletes with monetary needs and would not otherwise be able to afford to participate.

This time around, the boosters are raising money in hope of supplying OSAAsanctioned and club teams with needed equipment.

"I'm confident that we're going to be able to come up with the rest of the funds needed for the turf field, so this time we are looking ahead to the next needs," said Danielle Bethel, the new president of the boosters. Bethel is taking the reins from Rhonda Brattain.

One of the projects being bandied about for the some of the funds are new dugouts for the softball field, but Bethel said she wasn't certain how soon it would get off the ground.

"The big thing is you don't have to have a student attending McNary to get involved. My son is a seventh grader at Whiteaker Middle School and this group is about forming the relationships and finding ways to get involved," Bethel said.

Auction items include: a week in Cabo San Lucas; weekends in Hood Canal and Lincoln City; a hotel and spa package at the Allison Inn; Disneyland tickets; Beavers and Ducks tickets; Seattle Mariners tickets; a Big Town Hero party package; gift certificates to local restaurants; daytrips to waterparks; and an assortment or plants and trees donated by local nurseries.

Tee time for both the golf and foot golf tournaments is noon, the dinner and auctions begin at 4:30 p.m.

To donate an item for the auction, contact Rhonda Brattain at 503-510-8813, or mail item ATTN: Athletic Boosters, to 595 Chemawa Rd N Keizer, OR 97303.

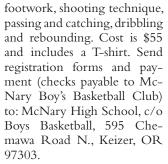
Cost is \$100 for 18 holes of golf and includes a ticket to the benefit. Foot golf is \$20. Banquet tickets are \$35 each. Registration and ticket orders can be completed online at mcnaryabc.com.



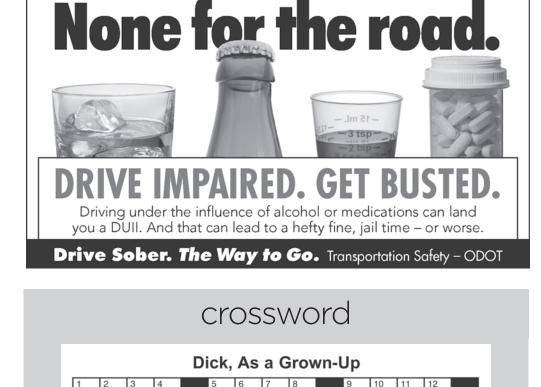
The McNary High School boys basketball program is hosting summer camps for boys in June.

The camps are planned for Monday, June 15, through Thursday, June 18. Incoming third through fifth graders will meet from 9 a.m. to noon and incoming sixth through eighth graders will meet from 1 to 4 p.m.

Camps will focus on developing fundamentals like



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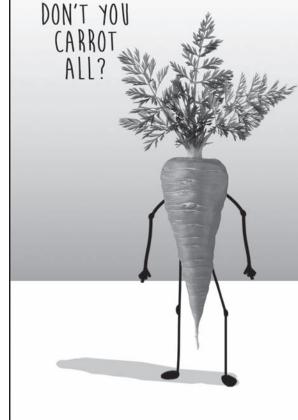
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