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KHF awards scholarships

The Keizer Heritage Foundation recently announced the winners of their annual scholarship awards.

Nizhoni Garcia (McNary High School) was chosen for the \$1,000 Pearl Langeland Scholarship. Ana Alfaro and Charlotte Brattain (also McNary High School) were each awarded a \$500 Keizer Heritage Foundation scholarship.

Garcia has been involved in many activities during her high school years. Among them - a member of the National Honor Society, four years in the McNary Chamber Ensemble, participating in the OSAA state championships, and four years with the McNary Symphony, orchestra, also competing in the OSAA championships. Garcia maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout high school and is the class valedictorian. She represented Keizer at the Distinguished Young Women program at the state level. She is an early childhood teacher volunteer and also teaches Sunday school for 3 to 5-year-olds at Dayspring Church. Garcia plans to attend Willamette University and study to be a teacher.

The \$500 Foundation

scholarship winner, Alfaro, was a member of the Honor Society, played tennis and involved in the French Club, Chemistry Club, Technical Theatre and school newspaper production. She was also involved in the Exchange Student Program in 2013. She has been a volunteer at Migrant Summer School, Feed Salem Food Bank, vacation bible school volunteer and teacher and many church events. Alfaro plans to attend Linfield University to major in pre-medicine and continue on to medical school.

The \$500 Foundation scholarship winner, Brattain, has been involved in sports, playing basketball, volleyball and track. She is member of the National Honor Society, Science Club and took photos for the school's website. Brattain plans to attend George Fox University and pursue a degree in biology, while also pursuing an internship involving marine life on the Oregon coast. She plans to find a job in the marine biology field.

Keizer Heritage Foundation owns and operates the Keizer Heritage Center.

MHS club's book is thickest yet

By CRAIG MURPHY
Of the Keizertimes

There was more of everything this time around.

The McNary High School's Write Club collection of work led to the group's biggest book in the four years of the club, *Blood and Ink: Bedtime Stories for the Apocalypse*.

For the first time, all group members were on hand for the book unveiling May 21 at MHS. The nervous anticipation of the dozen students was matched by that of club advisor Eric A. Howald, the associate editor of the *Keizertimes*, which helped fund the printing of the books.

Not to mention the T-shirts.

Yes, students got to see their work in print—a first for many of them.

Plus all club members got Write Club T-shirts to wear, which have a large picture of an old-fashioned typewriter on the back and 'author' on the front.

Freshman Random Pendragon was among those blown away by the 130-page book.

"I didn't expect it to be so cool," Pendragon said. "I expected it to be ragtag, not put so well together. It looks really good."

Pendragon had four pieces in the book. His favorite was the short poem *In My Dreams*, about the visions he holds for his future.

"I'm really proud of it," said Pendragon, who noted it is "definitely an experience" to see your name in print.

MHS senior Jeremy Williams joined the club this year after putting up posters last year. He became interested in writing last year when he wrote a 26-page paper for a class - 20 pages too long.

"It's been amazing," Wil-



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Above: Emilie Becker, Emily Dolph and Emma Snyder check out their work in the McNary Write Club's new anthology. Right: Write Club members tear into the boxes holding their books. It was the first time for 10 of the young authors.



liams said of being in the group that meets every Thursday afternoon. "There have been new ideas left and right. Writer's block has not been hard to overcome. You can have fun here and be an author. It sounds weird to say I'm an author. It's crazy."

Fellow senior Ashley Jasmer knew what she would be doing at home that night.

"I will definitely be reading the whole book," she said. "No homework will be done tonight."

In case you couldn't tell, Jasmer liked the final product.

"It's so awesome," she said. "It looks so good. I love how it turned out. I have much happiness. I was looking forward to this all day. I'm just so happy. It was hard to focus all day."

Sophomore Emily Dolph joined the group after hearing about it from friend Emilie Becker.

"It's been really fun," Dolph said. "It's been a really good experience for me.

It sounded like it would be fun and it was. I was very excited to see the book. It's my first time putting something of mine out there like that. I felt accomplished to see it in print."

Other group members are Meadow Wheaton, Kharisma Collier, Stephi Coulson, Maria Garcia-Warden, Jonathan Hall, Parker Kehret and Emma Snyder. Nizhoni Garcia designed the covers while Jasmer did the interior and back cover artwork.

Blast Camp accepting registrants

The Keizer Police Department is hosting its second annual Blast Camp June 16 through 19 for boys and girls entering grades 3 through 6.

The camp is designed to

bring local law enforcement and youth closer together.

Children attending the camp will receive safety information, observe public safety demonstrations and much

more. Kids will also be able to participate in several different relays and sporting activities.

Registration for the camp is free and is available at www.keizerpd.com, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

In order to allow more children to participate in this event, the Keizer Police Department is seeking donations to help offset the costs. To donate, or if you have questions, please contact Lieutenant Andrew Copeland at 503-856-3463 or copelanda@keizer.org.

In addition to Keizer Police Department, participating agencies include Keizer Fire District, Salem SWAT and Bomb teams, Marion County Search and Rescue, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Marion County Marine Patrol and ODOT Bike Safety team.

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