

Getting a taste of elected life

Patrick Lamb
at City Hall
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For Siri Scales, it started with planning assemblies and fundraising events in eighth grade.

As a junior at McNary High School, she's the youth councilor on the Keizer City Council. And for the future?

"One day I would like to be a councilor or maybe mayor," the 16-year-old said.

Scales is currently elections official at MHS, meaning she runs nominations and elections for homecoming and prom as well as Associated Student Body (ASB) elections for next year. She also keeps track of class points for class competitions.

Heck, she just might run for an office her senior year if she can bring her current project to fruition in time.

"I want to bring online voting to McNary," she said. "We're trying to make it happen. It would be the first time for an online vote here. We have pondered the idea for the last year. Cascade High School is really heavily involved with



Siri Scales, a junior at McNary High School, is the latest in a growing line of youth councilors serving alongside the Keizer City Council.

online voting and McNary is pushing that more. It's super easy and you get immediate results. It's really cool."

Besides, if the system is successfully implemented, Scales just may throw her hat into the ring for a position.

"I may be able to run," she said. "If it's online, there's no way I could mess with the votes."

The youth councilor position was mentioned to Scales last spring by the activities director at MHS.

"At that point, I was looking at being a committee liaison," Scales said. "I like leadership, I'd been in it since eighth grade and thought this would be a cool next step."

It didn't hurt being able to

get some insights from friend Ryan Edsall, last year's youth councilor.

"He told me it was really interesting," Scales said. "He liked it a lot. We both like the leadership positions and politics."

Scales has liked her experience to date.

"I really like that I can have an opinion," she said. "I'm non-voting, but I still get to have an opinion on things. I've learned things are a lot more complicated than I thought. It takes a lot more than just putting a stop sign up somewhere, something that seems so simple. I had that want to get more involved and this opportunity has really pushed that."

Scales currently has two possible plans for after MHS:

going to American University in Washington, D.C. to study political science or go somewhere back east to study anthropology.

"They're similar in that they're about people," Scales said. "I'm probably leaning a little bit towards political science, but I want to know more about anthropology."

Scales was initially drawn

into leadership because her dad, Tony, is president of his local union. That led her to taking a leadership class in eighth grade at Whiteaker Middle School.

"I planned assemblies and did some fundraising activities," she said. "I did a lot of learning about how to be a leader."

As a freshman at McNary, Scales was on the elections committee. She was then her sophomore class representative, but decided she liked the elections activities more.

When not at school, Scales works at two shoe stores, Journeys in Lancaster Mall and G.H. Bass at the Woodburn Premium Outlets.

Tony is impressed with how well his daughter is doing.

"I'm real proud of her," the dad said. "I think it's great what she's doing. She's one I don't have to worry about. She just does what she's supposed to do. She gets the schoolwork done and maintains a 3.85 GPA. She's doing things that are broader than just the school."

Museum features kitchen display

Visit the Keizer Heritage Center Museum in December to invoke kitchen memories.

The "Christmas in the Kitchen" display started Nov. 20 and runs through the end of the year. The Keizer Heritage Center is located at 980 Chemawa Road

The special holiday events continue after the parade Saturday, Dec. 12.

On the evening of Sunday, Dec. 13, with a Patrick Lamb holiday concert at Keizer Community Center.

Longtime community volunteer Clint Holland and KRA LLC, the organization that puts on the Summer Concert Series at the Keizer Rotary Amphitheater each summer at Keizer Rapids Park, are putting on the event.

Lamb has performed previously in the Summer Concert Series and has a history of drawing in big crowds at his Keizer shows.

"Patrick Lamb does a fabulous Christmas program," Holland said.

Tickets for the program will be \$30, including dinner. Tickets are available at Uptown Music, located at 3827 River Road N, or by calling the music store at 503-393-4437.

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The display is the personal collection of Keizer's Yvonne Knoll and contains many of her favorite items. Items date back to her first collection purchase in 1968.



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