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Lady Celt Reina Strand makes a jump shot in a game earlier this season.

Swimmers sink Vikings



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McNary's Bailey White cruises to victory in the 100 butterfly. Below: Isaiah Holt swims the same race for the boys.

Girls win 2 of 4

By ERIC A. HOWALD
Of the Keizertimes

The McNary High School girls varsity basketball team had ups and downs at the Nike Interstate Shootout over winter break, but the competition level was fierce throughout.

The Lady Celts won two games, over St. Mary's Academy and Washington's Skyview high schools, and lost two, to Oregon City and Jesuit high schools, two of the top-ranked teams in the OSAA 6A division. The tournament was held Dec. 27-30. Please see GIRLS, Page A11

The McNary High School boys and girls varsity swimming teams started off the new year dousing the North Salem High School Vikings at the Kroc Center Tuesday, Jan. 5.

The boys won their side of the meet 100-19 while the girls beat the Vikings 128-22. Celtics won all but one varsity race.

In boys events, winners

were: Brock Wyer, Georgio Corrieri, Isaiah Holt and Jake Wyer in the 200 medley relay in 2:09.49; Parker Dean in the 200 free in 2:15.61; Harrison Vaughn in the 200 yard individual medley (IM) in 2:26.39; Grant Biondi in the 100 yard butterfly in 1:08.27; J. Wyer in the 100 freestyle in 57.66; Evan Alger in the 500 free in 6:16.51; J. Wyer, Biondi, Please see SWIM, Page A11



Boys fall to second in GVC



KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald
McNary's Cade Goff puts up a shot in the game with South Salem High School Tuesday, Jan. 5. The Celtics lost 67-52 after struggling throughout the game.

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The McNary High School boys varsity basketball team lost a key game to South Salem High School Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Going into the game, McNary was ranked eighth in the state, South, the defending state champs, were ninth. The Celts lost 67-52. The win gives South the lead position in the Greater Valley Conference.

"We were way too timid on offense at the start of the game and we definitely weren't playing on our toes," said Harry Cavell, a McNary senior. "Their pressure kind of dictated the way we played and we can't let other teams do that."

McNary started out behind and only rarely threatened the Saxons as the game unfolded.

South took the first lead, going up 2-0 in the first minute, but McNary's Trent Van Cleave tied the game and then put his team ahead, 3-2, with a shot from the foul line. It was the last time the Celts would lead the game.

Through the first frame, the Celtics appeared to struggle in finding shots and then set themselves up on defense. By the end of the first period, McNary was down 17-8.

"We had a lot of problems with the fundamentals from containing the ball to shot selection, but you come into a battle like this and you have to play to win, we played not-to-lose," said Ryan Kirch, McNary head coach.

Midway through the sec-

ond quarter, Celts Chandler Cavell, H. Cavell and Cade Goff were able to string together some shots and cut the deficit to 34-29 going to half-time.

In the third period, Goff, Adam Harvey and Easton Neitzel cut the Saxon lead further, to 40-37, but then South went on an 11-0 run.

"That was like blood in the water for South and they sensed it," said Kirch.

McNary never regained its composure in the final frame resulting in the 67-52 final score.

The Celtics ended the first part of the season with a loss to No. 1-ranked Central Catholic High School,

but Kirch said the team did an admirable job of flushing the loss and returned to dominate in a tournament a week later.

"We chose to mentally move past the Central Catholic game the minute we left the gym. After such a hectic schedule it was a good time for a break for Christmas and I'm sure made it easier for the guys to get it off their mind," Kirch said.

The Celts won all three of their games at the Oregon Holiday Hoopfest hosted by Summit High School in Bend during winter break.

"Playing three games in a row is tough, and your mental focus each day is critical. I thought our guys really met the challenge," Kirch said.

McNary started off the tournament with a 72-34 win over La Salle High School. Sophomore C. Cavell led the

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