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## Middle school rivals meet on MHS track

Keizer's two middle schools, Claggett Creek and Whiteaker, met at McNary High School for a track and field meet Thursday, May 5, and both schools had strong showings throughout the meet.

In sixth grade events, Whiteaker winners were: Spencer Mills in the boys shot put with a mark of 27-6.75; Grace Greer in the girls 100 meter in 14 seconds; and McKenna Olsen, Mia Logan, Makenna Logan and Greer in the 4x100 relay in 57.31.

Panther winners were: Sage Allen in the boys 100 meter in 13.36 seconds; Evan Cornell, Aron Montoya, Abram Arredondo and Allen in the boys 4x100 relay in 56.4 seconds; and Abalyanna Capuchine in the girls shot put with a mark of 26-9.5.

Claggett Creek winners in junior varsity events were: Ethan Martin in the boys 100 meter in 12.06 seconds; Gabriel Martinez, Martin, Emanuel Valle Figeroa and Dyami Ross in the boys 4x100 relay in 50.6 seconds; and Francisco Gomez in the boys shot put with a mark of 26-2.33.

Whiteaker won the two girls junior varsity events. Leah Douth posted the top time of 12.64 in the 100 meter and Isabella Walker, Ashlin Samples, Olivia Cartwright and Douth won the 4x100 in 54.58 seconds.

In varsity boys events, the Wolverines' Jason Walling won the boys 100 meter in 11.74 seconds and the 200



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Christian Aguilar, Jaimison Proulx, Tarrin Bricker, Madison White, Alexia Bell and Grace Greer.

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meter in 24.48 seconds; Edgar Salazar won the 1,500 meter in 5:01.97; Kevin Oliver, Nico Sandoval, Anthony Rice and Walling won the 4x100 meter; Cole Garland, Andrew Goemaere, Eli Petilo and Edgar Salazar won the 4x400 meter in 4:14.16; Garland won the javelin with a toss of

129-11; Nick Zuro won the high jump clearing 5-06; and Sandoval won the long jump with a mark of 16 feet.

Winners for the Wolverine varsity girls were: Samantha Alfano in the 100 meter in 13.49 seconds; Haley Hughes in the 200 meter in 28.52 seconds; Kennedy Buss in the

400 meter in 1:08.41; Reyna Terrazas in the 800 meter in 2:48.84; Ella Repp in the 800 meter in 5:53.22; Alyssa Garvey, Alexa Cepeda, Hughes and Alfano in the 4x100 relay in 55.18; Hughes, Taylor Ebbs, Garvey and Douth in the 4x400 relay in 4:49.87; Buss in the javelin with a hurl

of 85-08; and Isabella Walker in the high jump with a mark of 4-04.

Varsity winners for the Panther boys were: Andrew Brown in the 400 meter in 1:00.5; Logun Anderson in the 800 meter in 2:26 and the discus with a throw of 106-02; and Ethan Rubio in the 100

hurdles in 15.54 and the shot put with a mark of 40-02.

The Panther girls varsity winners were: Caitlyn Kiefiuk Yates in the 100 hurdles with a time of 16.37 and the long jump with a mark of 14-04; and Abigail Fox in the shot put with a mark of 32-08 and discus with a toss of 75 feet.

## Lady Celts score 31 times in two games



McNary's Hannah Carr slides into third base just under a tag in a game with South Salem High School Tuesday, May 10.

**By ERIC A. HOWALD**  
*Of the Keizertimes*

By most measures, the McNary High School varsity softball team had a rough start to its season.

The Lady Celts won only two of their first 12 contests, but those days are looking more and more distant. The team, which has been known for its offense in seasons past, has scored 65 runs in its last six games. Their opponents have scored 20.

"We've had struggles with different parts of our line-up, but the past few weeks have been really good. Everyone has been really consistent and, on top of that, it's starting to feel like the whole team is clicking together," said Celt Kinsey McNaught.

The Keizer team won

both its games last week by large margins. McNary beat McKay High School 16-0 and Forest Grove High School 15-3.

"We've been working on talking more and once we start talking, things just seem to fall into place. We work better as a team when we talk," said Emma Kinler, a McNary sophomore.

Kinler led the team at the plate in the game with the Royal Scots Tuesday, May 3. She went 4-for-4 with two doubles, three RBIs and four runs scored.

McNary scored 11 times in the first inning: McNaught crossed the plate on a Kinler double; Kinler scored on a single by Nicole Duran; Duran scored on a walk; Xena Lane and Callista

Srofe scored on a single by Gabby Schmit; Sabella Alfaro and Schmit scored on a single by Kinler; McNaught and Kinler scored on a double by Madisen Oliver; Nadia Witt scored on a single by Faith Danner; and Duran scored again on a single by Danner.

The game ended after five innings under mercy rules. Oliver pitched a one-hitter with eight strikeouts.

Good vibes from the win over McKay carried into the Forest Grove game Friday, May 6, McNaught said.

"At Forest Grove, we focused on stringing hits together. Instead of 'I need this base hit,' it was more about hitting the ball so we can move runners around the bases," she said.

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## Van Cleave to Linfield gridiron

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The McNary High School varsity football team had its struggles in 2015, but quarterback Trent Van Cleave was one of the team's most reliable performers.

Van Cleave's oftentimes wily routes caught the attention of Joseph Smith, Linfield College's football head coach.

"He came to me after the season and told me he liked the way I played, that's really what got the conversation started," Van Cleave said.

On Monday, May 9, Van Cleave signed a letter of intent to play for the Wildcats as he makes the transition to college next fall.

"It's really just cool to have the opportunity to play at the next level," he said.

Van Cleave completed 114 of 194 passes as a senior for a total of 1,476 yards, 13 touchdowns and only six interceptions. While those stats alone make him stand out against the backdrop of the recent McNary quarterbacks, Van Cleave backed it up with an equally potent ground game. He



McNary senior Trent Van Cleave signed to play for Linfield College at a ceremony Monday, May 9.

rushed for 783 yards on 177 attempts and 12 additional touchdowns.

While stats are an important part of the sport, Van Cleave also demonstrated a presence of mind on the field that could easily fly under the radar. During his rushing attempts, he could frequently be spotted checking his position against the down markers on the sidelines.

Celtic Head Coach Jeff Auvinen said Van Cleave was a great leader on the football

team, but he was equally proud of his efforts in the classroom.

"He's a hard worker on the field and in academics," said Auvinen. "He's going to be able to play wherever they need him at Linfield and make himself a threat."

Van Cleave said the Linfield staff is eyeing spots for him as a slot receiver and cornerback in his freshman year, but he might be contending for the quarterback spot as a sophomore.

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## Celtic sports artifacts sought

The McNary High School Athletic Booster Club is celebrating 50 years of McNary athletics at its 5th Annual Dinner and Auction Saturday, June 4.

Organizers are looking for help in gathering information on sports highlights for each year in McNary's history. Specifically, they would like to include important information on teams or individuals who did great things in sports during their time at McNary, as well as afterward in college and beyond. Information about former athletes who went on to do great things beyond the courts and field is also welcome.

"We are proud of our long tradition of athletic success, but are equally proud of the impact that the McNary High School athletic program has made on the lives of our students," said Rhonda Brattain, a past president of the club.

Any information or photos can be emailed to Brattain at bratt5@aol.com, or call her at 503-510-8813.

This year's event will include special fundraising opportunities to cover the cost of a planned renovation of McNary's main gym floor. The boosters are covering the costs of repainting the walls and placing a McNary logo at midcourt.

This year's event will be held at the Log House Garden at Willow Lake. Tickets are \$55 per person, \$360 for a reserved table or \$500 for a table sponsorship. Tickets are available at [www.mcnaryabc.com](http://www.mcnaryabc.com).

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