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Students honored for turnarounds

The annual Turnaround Achievement Award banquet honored four Keizer students for overcoming challenges and making choices that put them on paths to succeed.

The awards, sponsored by Keizer's Town & Country Lanes, celebrated the achievements of Claggett Creek Middle School's Jordan Buhrman; Whiteaker Middle School's Bailey Byerly; Blanchet Catholic School's Bradley Derosiers; and McNary High School's Antonio Cervantes.

Buhrman, an eighth grader at Claggett, got off to a rough start in middle school. Family turmoil surfaced as depression, fits of rage and failed classes. Once he started making some close friends and developing bonds with teachers, things began to change. While he experienced his fair share of setbacks, he'll leave Claggett with a 3.2 grade point average (GPA).

Byerly, an eighth grader at Whiteaker, was an average student through her sixth and seventh grade years, but things took a turn for the worse as she began eighth grade. Her grades and attendance both dropped as she struggled to cope with things out of control in her home life. Counselor Pat Curran noted the dip and brought her in to talk about it. He encouraged her to focus on making the most of things she could control and started turning things around. Her GPA is now back above 3.0.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Bailey Byerly, Antonio Cervantes, Alex Derosiers and Jordan Buhrman received Turnaround Awards, sponsored by Town & Country Lanes, for making positive changes in their lives.

Derosiers, a Keizer resident and senior at Blanchet, came a long way from his freshman year at the Salem school. In addition to improving his grades to nearly all As. Teachers laud him as a student who demonstrates critical thinking, and coaches appreciate how he makes his teammates on

the swimming and track teams work harder.

Cervantes, a senior at McNary, made some poor choices in his first years as a Celtic. It resulted in him needing to complete a number of math courses to finish school on time. Other students might have balked at such an arithmetic-heavy schedule, but Cervantes plowed into it with verve and vigor. He's graduating on time and plans to attend Universal Technical Institute in Sacramento, Calif., next fall.

Curtain falls on *Drop Dead!*



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Keizer Homegrown Theatre had audiences rolling in the aisles during Iris Festival performances of *Drop Dead!* last weekend. The troupe stages its final performances May 27 and 28 at the Keizer Lions Auditorium, 4100 Cherry Avenue N.E. Tickets are \$15 and curtain time is 7 p.m. both nights. PICTURED: Laura Reid, Tavis Evans, Kristin Sprauer and Jeff Minden during a performance Saturday, May 21.

MHS JROTC founding cadets graduating

The McNary High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training (AFJROTC) program is graduating its "plank owners" Friday, June 10.

What is a plank owner? The term is borrowed from the U.S. Navy, where it was used to designate crew members who were around when a ship was built. It implies

ownership of – and, moreso, bragging rights to – of one of the planks on the main deck. It has since been expanded to refer to original or founding members of a group, squadron or flight.

Ten McNary seniors have stuck with the program since its inception in 2012. They are: Connor Hogan, Dawson Young, Jazzlyn Lark, John

Sell, Jacob Brett-Hill, Rebecca Heinz, Jacob Bailey, Kendall Hall, Kody Lewis and Zach Coulter.

In addition to completing more than 1,000 hours of community service, the cadets were integral to winning the Distinguished Unit Award, which only about 5 percent of AFJROTC units have earned.

Community Band performs June 1

The public is invited to a free concert by the Keizer Community Band on Wednesday, June 1, at 7 p.m. in the McNary High School auditorium.

The band will playing from marches, show tune, and concert band literature.

The band includes members of the Salem-Keizer community as well as musicians from surrounding areas. The 45-piece band was founded in 1998 and is currently directed by Michael Koenig.

Visit the band's website, kcband.org, for more information.



Legos on display at KHC

Legos, one of the world's top selling toys, are on display at the Keizer Heritage Museum and the Keizer Community Library through the end of June.

The exhibit showcases original creations and a Legos Robotics display from the collection of JoDene and Darren Summers. Most pieces are accompanied with a history card.

The Keizer Heritage Museum is located at the Keizer Heritage Center at 980 Chemawa Rd. N.E. Hours are 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is free.

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