

McNary athletes show Celtic Pride

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McNary High School athletics has had a successful year overall, but this year's Celtic Pride Award winners have seen the athletic scene change mightily in their four years.

The Celtic Pride Award is given to athletes who compete in three sports all four years of their high school career. This year's honorees were: Isaiah Holt, Hayden Sader, Jason Sperle and Trent Van Cleave. The one thing that each of them have in common is they have all been teammates in more than one sport.

Each athlete had their own niche on the field, though it was off the field where they made their claim. Each student claimed at least a 3.25 GPA and all will be attending college in the fall.

Jason Sperle

A three-year letterman in football, two-year letterman in basketball, and an all-district thrower in track and field, Sperle surrounded himself with success.

"I filled in the role wherever I could help out, whether that was on the field or off," he said.

Sperle found his niche early: leading. He led on the field by example, he led through encouragement, and he pumped up his team through the passion he had for each sport.

"I was always very outgoing. You have to stand up to the challenge, and I believe I did that," he said. "Football has been more influential in my leadership development, though I feel that I was able to become a better leader in everything I did."

Football impacted his life differently than most people, and so did his coaches.

"Coach Isaac Parker definitely was a big impact on my life. Not just in football, but in everything else. He helped me learn the game in an in-depth way, and I owe a lot to him."

Sperle will be attending Portland State University where he will be playing football.

Isaiah Holt

Holt competed in football, baseball, and swimming.

In football, he played offensive line, in baseball he was a catcher, and for swim team he swam the 100-yard butterfly,



Jason Sperle



Isaiah Holt

100-yard backstroke, and 200-yard individual medley.

Holt separated himself in the classroom. Holt was one of only two males in the entire 2016 class to attain a 4.0 GPA, making him one of seven valedictorians.

"I like to do the best I can do," Holt said. "It's great that other people see it and think that it is cool, but for me personally, I have to do it because it's what I want to do. I want to be the best that I can."

When asked about which coached had the most impact on, he said former Head Football Coach Isaac Parker.

"He pushed me to be a better person. To an extent all my coaches did that, but with him I had a good relationship. He pushed you to not only be a better football player, but how to be better academically and how to reach your goals," Holt said.

After a two-year mission, Holt will attend college at Brigham Young University where he will study neuroscience.

"I love helping people. I love sciences and I think the brain is super-interesting, and I just want to study it further."

Hayden "Raider" Sader

Sader was well known for his enthusiasm among his

teammates. Focusing most of his high school career playing football, Sader received many honors in his favorite sport.

"Football is my favorite because it is the one sport that no one can play their whole life. For that reason, I cherish it," he said.

Sader also competed on the track and field team, as well as the basketball team. Through all his years at McNary, Sader stuck out for being a competitor. No matter the score, you could always find Sader going as hard as he could.

"I learned how to lead in a much different way. I had still learned how to play as hard as ever and work as if I did play," Sader said.

Sader will most likely be attending George Fox University, though is he still undecided.

"I could not have done it without all the people who supported me; My family, friends, coaches, teammates, and my teachers," Sader said. "I was surrounded by successful people who only wanted the best for me."

Trent Van Cleave

As a three-year varsity starter in football and basketball, Van Cleave is the only player of the four Celtic Pride athletes to compete in four sports while he was at McNary.

He received all-league honors basketball and football where he shined most often.

Van Cleave is probably most known for his versatility on the field. In football, he played running back, quarterback, corner and safety during his time. In basketball, he was



Hayden Sader



Trent Van Cleave

a point guard known for his scoring, though also pressured opponents with his defensive ability.

In baseball, Van Cleave played middle infield early on, however became a prominent starter in this year's outfield — playing all three positions. In track he ran both the 100 and 200 meter sprints.

"The team aspect [of sports] is important. Everyone is working hard together, and you have to communicate. You can't be good if only one player is good. We all have to do our own job," he said.

Van Cleave wants to be a police officer after he graduates from college. He will attend Linfield College and study psychology. While at Linfield, Trent will also play football in hopes of finding his role for the team this fall.

"My parents always instilled a strong work ethic in my life and my older brothers have always pushed me to do more for my team. I couldn't thank them enough for all they have done in order to allow me to get to this point in my life," Van Cleave said.

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Leroy Ernest Horsley

April 6, 1938 – June 1, 2016

Leroy Ernest "Ernie" Horsley peacefully passed away on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, of natural causes. He was lovingly surrounded by his family. He was born April 6, 1938, in Salem, Oregon, to Lee Roy Horsley and Laura Amelia Fuller Horsley.

He was an active volunteer in his church, the Lions Clubs and the Keizer Community Library for many years. Giving back to others was an important part of his life.

Leroy was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Loretta Maude Harris (2013). Ernie is survived by his wife, Stella, of nearly 54 years; six children - Laura Bindley; Carla (Brent) Bigger; Dan (Karla) Horsley; Rene' (Chris) Eggert; Rita (Chris) Brown; Andrea (Mark) Bean; ten grandchildren, 2+ great-

grandchildren; and his sister, Lowena Laura Reinwald.

Funeral mass will be held Wednesday, June 15, at 2 pm, at St. Edward

Catholic Church in Keizer, with a reception following. Assisting the family is Keizer Funeral Chapel. For a full obituary and other memories, or to add any stories you may have of Ernie, please visit their website at KeizerChapel.com for photos and to sign the guest book.

As Lionism was a passion for Ernie, donations may be made to the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, 1010 NW 22nd Avenue, #144, Portland, OR 97210.



L. Horsley

Arlene "Nana" Biehn

February 15, 1920 – June 1, 2016

Nana Biehn peacefully joined her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, June 1, 2016. She was 96 years old. She was born to Alfred and Gunda Johnson on Feb. 15, 1920, in Stora, SD.

She was on her way to "Rosie the Riveter" School in Seattle when she stopped in Payette, ID to stay with relatives. There she found a job as a telephone operator and met the love of her life—Clud Biehn, in 1946. They married on Feb. 9, 1947, and eventually moved to Oregon where sons David and Bradley were born. While Claude served in the military, Nana was a consummate homemaker and mother. She was a member of Keizer Christian Church for many, many years. She kept in touch with family and friends throughout her many years and enjoyed all life had to offer.

After Claude's death in 2009, she moved to Decatur, AL to be near her son

Bradley and his wife. She enjoyed almost seven years of merrymaking, trips around the country, weddings, graduations, card parties and good ol' family and friend get-togethers.

She is survived by her son, Bradley (Sherrill), step-daughter Claudia (Reno) and two grandsons, Alexander (Maegan) and Andrew (Britney).

After a celebration of life at Keizer Christian Church, Nana will be buried at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

The family would like to thank the staffs at The Terrace at Priceville and Summerford Nursing Home for their fine care of our Nana. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Keizer Christian Church, 6945 Wheatland Road N., Keizer, OR 97303 or the Committee on Church Cooperation, P.O. Box 131, Decatur, AL 35602.

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