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Incoming McNary senior Sydney Hunter dribbles the ball up the court at an AAU tournament played earlier this summer in Oregon City.

Hunter commits to U. of San Diego

By **DEREK WILEY**
Of the Keizertimes

Sydney Hunter only needed to hear from one school to make her college decision.

The incoming McNary senior has verbally committed to play basketball at University of San Diego.

Hunter, who is still receiving calls and text messages from other colleges, didn't plan to commit so early in the process.

"Maybe it was the beaches. I don't know. But I loved it," she said.

Hunter has been in contact with the coaches at San Diego since the eighth grade.

"I've known their coaches for a lot longer than any of the other coaches that have talked to me," she said. "I went on my official visit and I got to meet the whole team and

I just think I fit in super well. I loved it. That was a big part of it."

San Diego plays in the West Coast Conference with the likes of Gonzaga, Saint Mary's and Santa Clara. The Lady Toreros finished 25-8 last season, which was the second most wins in program history, and lost to Michigan in the Sweet 16 round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

Hunter isn't completely sure what she wants to do academically but noted San Diego has a top-notch counseling program.

"You have to be so smart to go there so it's going to be a challenge and I'm so excited for it," she said.

Hunter was also busy this summer playing basketball.

Competing for Oregon Elite, Hunter traveled to the

Western Canadian Championships in Vancouver, B.C., the Nike National Invitational in Chicago, the Nike Tournament of Champions in Atlanta and the Cal Storm Finale in Irvine, Calif.

"We had a really good season," Hunter said. "I think we went 34-8. We played a lot of games and a lot of those girls I've played with since eighth grade so it was super fun to end AAU with all of them. It's also kind of sad. All July we're gone. You don't really have a summer but it's fun. You get to be with a lot of your close friends."

Hunter will now turn her attention to volleyball before beginning her final basketball season at McNary, where she was a 2015-16 Greater Valley Conference First Team selection.

Blue Day 2016



McNary High School had its fifth annual Blue Day Saturday, Aug. 20 with the football, soccer, volleyball and lacrosse programs all holding scrimmages.

A: McNary sophomore Anita Lao kicks the ball past freshman Caitlyn Kiefiuk-Yates.

B: MHS sophomore Kylee Daulton was in goal for the girls lacrosse team.

C: Senior quarterback Tyler Ellertson rushed for a touchdown in McNary's varsity football scrimmage.

D: Kara Thomas tips the ball over the net as Zoie Warner attempts a block.

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For sale: the love of my boating world

My first boat was a WWII rubber survival raft. It was built to hold eight men. It was comfortable for two.

We salvaged the raft on a float trip down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho. Robert Kennedy and his entourage had set out to float the river, at near flood stage, against all warnings. The trip was aborted in less than two miles after all boats capsized. They hiked back out with only the clothes on their backs.

A few weeks later, our group, staff from a Boy Scout camp, made the float, and salvage what is left of the gear.

My share of "the spoils" was Big Yellow. I brought the raft to Oregon in 1967. Assorted patches give it that camouflage look. My young son and I had fun floating rivers and fishing for salmon in tidewa-



On the Wild Side

by G.I. Wilson

ter of the Salmon River. (This was before the hatchery on the Salmon. There were very few boats on the river.)

We needed more boat and power. I bought a 12-foot aluminum car topper for \$100. It looked like it had been dropped off a cliff or two. Lots of dings and gashes, but it floated, with a minimum of leaks.

Year end sale on boat motors, I come home with a shiny new 6 horsepower Evenrude motor for \$199.

Now we can fish lakes, troll tidewater for salmon and go crabbing.

Next comes a driftboat. A couple of trips with a friend

floating the Santiam and Nes-tucca Rivers and I had to have a driftboat. There is no boating experience quite like the peace and solitude of floating a river and being in control with oars.

Driftboats are expensive. A friend and I decided to buy one together. We found one that had lost the owner over the side, and gone down a few rapids of the Clackamas River without him. Some rather noticeable dents gave testimony to the trip. It had been the "first, and last attempts" at rowing, for the owner.

The boat didn't leak, and the dings,"gave it character." Please see WILSON, Page 13



Keizer resident G.I. Wilson fishes from his last remaining boat, a Fishcraft driftboat that Wilson calls "the love of my boating world."

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