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busy but I like being busy.” Along with Cinderella, Collins plays the wicked step mother, the two wicked step sisters, the prince and a flock of birds after all the other actors in the play get sick with food poisoning and one person has to step it and do it all. Collins decided to audition for the show, which runs March 16-17, 23-24 at 7 p.m. and March 18 and 25 at 2 p.m., at the recommendation of his wife. “She said ‘one person playing all these characters, that sounds like you,’” Collins said. Director Linda Baker cast Collins right on the spot. “His audition piece was phenomenally brilliant so before I even left auditions I said please be in *The Spectaculathon* and I want you to play this part and here’s a script,” Baker said. Collins said he didn’t actually have a piece prepared for the audition so instead he delivered a version of Aesop Fables’ *The Fox and the Grapes*, a story he’s told to students

at Englewood Elementary School every March as part of Read Across America for 20 years since his own kids were in kindergarten. “I cut that down and just did it,” Collins said. In *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*, written by Don Zolidis, two narrators attempt to recreate all 209 Brothers Grimm fairy tales, ranging from classics like *Snow White* and *Cinderella* to more obscure stories like *The Devil’s Grandmother* and *The Girl Without Hands*. At the end is a two-minute recap. “Things just pop in and out, people change roles, genders are bent,” Baker said. “Props are thrown on and off stage. Sometimes somebody dies and pops back up and is another character. It’s a roller coaster. It’s a silly, surprisingly witty work. It gives our actors a lot to think about and stretch.” The two narrators, both McNary graduates who have been with Keizer Homegrown since the beginning, are Allison Reid and Anthony O’Neal. Another McNary alum, Jeff Minden, is co-directing the

show with Baker. Seven other actors, Collins, Nicholas Hikes, Dylan Marley, Braden Pippert, Rebekah Pippert, Lauren Stenerson and Marah Walsh have divided up the rest of the parts. “We opened it up a little bit. It can be played with as few as five people but I don’t know how that would be possible,” Baker said. Hikes, who also graduated from McNary, plays Rumpelstiltskin and a prince. But his favorite part is a dwarf that plays Snow White. “It’s way more fun that I thought it was going to be,” Hikes said. “I’ve seen versions of the show before where it’s just not as fun as we’re doing it. There are so many kooky costume pieces. It’s just a pure delight every time I come in here.” The show is Keizer Homegrown’s first at its new theatre, located at the Keizer heritage Center, 980 Chemawa Rd. NE. General admission tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door or online at brownpapertickets.com/events/3131857.



KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald Students at Whiteaker Middle School (above) and Claggett Creek Middle School (right) gather after walking out of class.



REBEL,

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their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate.” The case involved students who, in protest of the Vietnam War, wore black armbands to school. Five of them were suspended for the action. The ruling declared the singling out and suspension of these students for a non-disruptive protest to be unconstitutional in accordance with the first and fourteenth amendments. Fortas wrote controversial discussion may be considered a disruption, “Any variation from the majority’s opinion may inspire fear. Any word spoken, in class, in the lunchroom, or on the campus, that deviates from the views of another person may start an argument or cause a disturbance. But our Constitution says we must take this risk ... and our history says that it is this sort of hazardous freedom – this kind of openness – that is the basis of our national strength and of the independence and vigor of Americans.” On the subject of walkouts specifically, the ACLU lawyers stress that schools are not able

to punish protesters who miss class any differently than other instances of truancy would be punished. This means that while students can be marked with an absence and face the consequences of that absence, they can not be given blanket suspensions or other punishments based on the ideas or act of walking out in protest. Ben Wizner, ACLU’s Speech, Privacy, and Technology Project director, said, given the amount of advance notice for these protests, nonstandard punishment would be “draconian..., excessive, and possibly illegal.” In the talk, Wizner said, despite their focus on rules, “sometimes, for good reasons, people decide to break the rules... and in fact, the history of social change in our country involves people getting together to engage in civil disobedience.” “Outside of school, you enjoy the same rights to protest and speak as anyone else,” Vera Eidelman said, she also works on the ACLU Speech, Privacy,

and Technology Project, said. “It’s important to engage with really hard issues, rather than silencing or censoring them.” Keizer is no stranger to student protests. In January 2005, students held a sit-in of McNary’s commons to stand with teachers seeking better pay. In May 2006, students from McNary partook in nationwide protests against changes in immigration law. Eleven years later, in 2017, McNary students, in solidarity with other schools around the state, marched on the capital to demand that an act protecting Dreamers be passed. Most recently, in November, students went to the capital to protest mandatory reporting changes for the Salem-Keizer School District, sparking a national conversation on school policy, consent laws, and teen sexuality. The ACLU’s full talk and more information can be found at <https://goo.gl/t87aFk>. They also encourage anyone who feels their civil liberties have been infringed to contact them at <https://www.aclu.org/contact-us>.

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organizations, businesses and, especially, education. “Most of us are ex-migrants who had to overcome huge challenges to get an education and succeed in our professions,” Dominguez said.

The scholarships are intended to further the mission of the group. Current McNary High School students can find out more about the scholarship opportunities at McNary’s College and Career Center. Donations to the scholarship fund can be dropped off at La Luz De Valle church, 606 Dearborn Avenue N.E. Donations can be made to “LAC,” which

is operating under the non-profit designation of the church for the time being. The first Latino Recognition Scholarship Reception is slated for Thursday, May 10, at the Keizer Civic Center. “It’s an opportunity to celebrate them overcoming challenges and socioeconomic barriers to graduation,” Dominguez said.

Free concert at Keizer Stake Sunday

The Keizer Stake Choir of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is hosting a free Easter-themed concert Sunday, May 18, at 7 p.m. *Joy in the Morning*, an Easter

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