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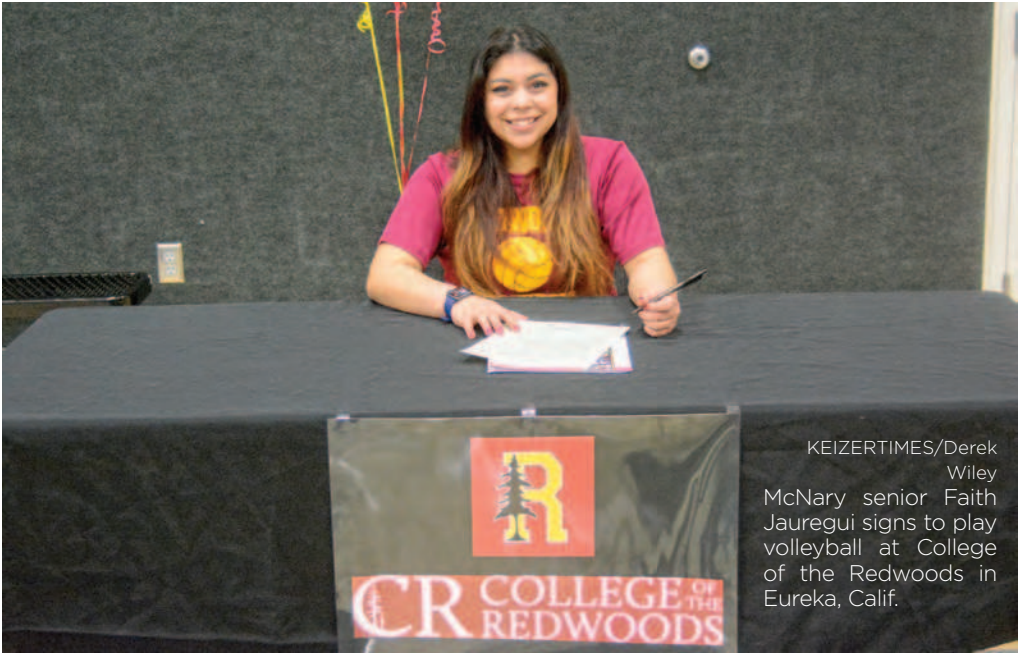
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Jauregui to play volleyball at College of the Redwoods

By **DEREK WILEY**
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McNary senior Faith Jauregui never gave up on her dream of playing volleyball in college, not even after getting cut from her high school team.

Jauregui began playing volleyball in the third grade at the Boys and Girls Club.

She then played for her school teams at Claggett Creek and on the junior varsity at McNary through her junior year.

But Jauregui didn't make the team as a senior.

"I was really upset about it but I decided it wasn't going to be the end of it," Jauregui said. "That wasn't going to be my last season."

Jauregui, a libero, tried out for Southside, a club team in Salem that she had played with since she was 14.

After making the team, Jauregui met Petra Lorenzi, head volleyball coach at College of the Redwoods.

"It was so shocking when I heard that she wanted me," Jauregui said. "I was really surprised because I got cut from my high school team. But it was awesome. It's such an amazing feeling. I can't even explain it. I'm so happy."

Jauregui signed with the College of the Redwoods, a two-year community college located in Eureka, Calif., earlier this month at Battle Creek Courthouse in Salem.

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Celtics jump into new season

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With nearly as many freshmen as upperclassmen, McNary's track team is young.

But the seniors that do return come highly motivated, determined to make their final season their best.

After finishing second in the Greater Valley Conference in the 800-meter run as a freshman and then again as a sophomore, Kailey Doult wasn't able to participate in the event last season due to a stress fracture in her foot.

Doult has since learned she has a B12, iron and folate deficiency. She's taking a number of vitamins, ran less during basketball and took a week off between seasons.

Along with getting back to the state meet, Doult has set her sights on breaking the school record in the 800. At 2:17.99, which she ran at the 2016 state championships, Doult is half a second off the record.

Victor Zavalal threw a PR of 151-7 in the javelin in just McNary's second meet last season but dealt with elbow pain down the stretch and finished fourth in the GVC.

"I was a little bit aggravated

at that moment but I knew I had one more year and I've got to really focus this year and get into it," Zavalal said. "It motivated me at the same time. My goal is to go to state. It's my time."

Working with throws coach George Krause, Zavalal hopes improved technique will get him there.

"Every year I learn something new," Zavalal said. "This year I learned to make sure I'm rotating my shoulder all of the way instead of side arming it."

Casey Toavs advanced to Day 2 of the GVC Championships in the 110-meter hurdles for the first time last season, finishing seventh with a PR of 16.93.

He believes the extra work he put in during winter conditioning will take him to another level.

"I've been able to three step a couple of the hurdles in previous years but my goal is to get through the whole flight of hurdles three stepping and I think that winter conditioning will definitely help with that," said Toavs, who wants to finish under 16 seconds in the 110 hurdles this season.

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ABOVE: McNary senior Lucas Garvey clears the high jump in a meet last season. RIGHT: Kailey Doult is back healthy and will run the 800 after missing most of last season with a stress fracture in her foot. LEFT: Victor Zavalal throws the javelin.



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Casey Toavs is back for his senior year after finishing seventh in the GVC in the 110 hurdles as a junior.



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McNary sophomore Courtney Roberts had a hit, a walk and scored two runs against Franklin on Wednesday, March 21.

Lady Celts suffer setback

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McNary dug itself into a deep hole and couldn't climb out, falling at home to Franklin 14-10 on Wednesday, March 21.

The Lady Celts got behind early as Franklin scored three runs in the top of the first, four in the second and five in the third to take a 12-3 lead entering the fourth inning.

"The girls went upstairs (in the gym) to hit for warm-up and I think, mentally, they were still up there," McNary head coach Kevin Wise said. "They weren't out here."

The Lady Celts struggled with Franklin's small ball approach at the plate as Franklin bunted four times in the first three innings. McNary had four infield errors, including three in the top of the third.

"Franklin kept bunting on us and we

just didn't adjust well," Wise said. "We were making some bad throws. I didn't feel like we were communicating well at the start either. It's little things right now. We saw for us what we need to work on today, which was good."

Alexa Cepeda scored McNary's first run of the game, reaching on a single to center field in the bottom of the first and then scoring on a ground ball by Kate Ronning.

Nadia Witt added a two-run homer to center field in the bottom of the second.

The Lady Celts slowly chipped away at Franklin's lead as Witt hit a RBI single to drive home Courtney Roberts in the bottom of the fourth. Witt then scored on a throwing error.

Taylor Ebbs tripled in the fifth to bring home Ronning. Ebbs then scored on a single by Faith Danner.

In the circle, Danner held Franklin

scoreless in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings, allowing just two singles and a walk, as McNary went to the seventh trailing 12-7.

But Franklin added two runs in the top of the inning on a home run to left field.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Haley Bingenheimer doubled to score Ebbs and Roberts. Witt, who was 3-for-5 with two runs and four RBIs, then double to drive in Bingenheimer before the game ended with a ground ball to second base.

Bingenheimer was 3-for-4 with two runs and two RBIs.

The Lady Celts are scheduled to host Oregon City Friday at 4:30 p.m.

"It's such a good group of girls and they're really talented," Wise said. "They're smart and they're coachable. I think we have a lot left in us."