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Kennadi Thomas, Bella Fox, Ivy Parker and Jacob Fritts in *Much Ado About Nothing*. KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley

McNary mixes 70s with Shakespeare

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McNary theatre students spent the last weekend of April bell-bottom shopping.

The drama department has set its final show of the 2017-18 season, Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, in the 1970s after the Vietnam war.

The show features a disco scene, choreographed by Zoe-Lisa Banton, of City Dance Theatre. During the masquerade ball, one character attends as Princess Leia.

"The kids have been challenged to do all of the homework they can do on '70s catch phrases to sprinkle in," McNary drama director Tom Ca-

vanaugh said. "There will be as many '70s references as we can cram in there as possible."

The play opens on Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m., followed by an after school performance at 3 p.m. and evening show at 7 on May 18. A matinee is scheduled for 2 p.m. on May 19 with a final show at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors and \$7 for adults.

Cavanaugh had planned to do *Twelfth Night* as McNary's annual Shakespeare play but decided to change course after more than 40 students auditioned.

"*Twelfth Night* is (a cast of) 16 or 17 and there's not a lot of room for expansion," Cavanaugh said.

"The base cast is kind of what you've got. *Much Ado* I believe starts at 25 but there's lots of room for party goers, towns people, wedding guests. I didn't want to cut 30 when it could be bigger."

Cavanaugh ended up with 30 students in his cast of *Much Ado About Nothing*.

In the show, Hero, played by Ivy Parker, and her groom to be, Claudio, played by Noah Schnell, team up to play matchmaker to two people who absolutely despise each other, Beatrice, played by Sydnie Gould, and Benedick, played by Jacob Fritts. Parker Kehret plays Beatrice's father—Leonato.

Since only six boys are in the show, Cavanaugh had to do as much cross-gendering as possible. Abrianna Feinauer had turned Don Pedro into Donna Pedro. Dogberry and Verges are also females.

Volcanoes cut ribbon



Salem-Keizer Volcanoes mascot Crater cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the new indoor hitting facility on Thursday, May 3. To rent the facility, call 503-751-2550. KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley

Distinguished Young Women take center stage Saturday

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Five high school juniors who will take to the Ken Collins Theatre stage on Saturday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in the Distinguished Young Women of Keizer competition for a shot

at college scholarship money.

The show will feature four McNary juniors—Anni Sykosky, Elisabeth Burleson, Kate Bomar and Kaitlyn Duncanson, as well as Salem Academy junior Chloe Campbell.

The girls are judged on five

different categories—fitness (15 percent), talent (25), self expression (15), interview (25) and scholastic (20).

Two winners will be chosen to advance to the state program on Aug. 11 at Chemeketa Community College to compete for even more scholarship money.

Tickets to the show are \$12 and fund the scholarships.



Kaitlyn Duncanson, Kate Bomar, Chloe Campbell, Anni Sykosky and Elisabeth Burleson will compete for scholarship money in the Distinguished Young Women of Keizer event Saturday. KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley

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