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Doutt signs with George Fox

By DEREK WILEY
Of the Keizertimes

After playing basketball and running track at McNary for four years, Kailey Doutt couldn't pick a favorite.

At George Fox University, she won't have to, as Doutt has signed to play both sports.


"I definitely didn't want to give up one or the other," Doutt said. "I decided to look into basketball and track and George Fox is perfect for that and I'm super excited about it. It played a big role in my decision. It wasn't the only reason I chose to go there. I love the coaches and both of the programs are super good and the academics are great there."

Doutt knows George Fox well after watching her older brother Johnathan play basketball there over the past four years.

"I knew he had a really good experience there and we know that he got a good education and he really liked the school and the program and the coaches kind of knew me through him so that kind of helped initiate contact," Doutt said. "I was familiar with the campus. I actually went with him when he went on his freshman orientation. I've watched him play multiple times so I know the facilities."

ATHLETE
of the Week

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KAILEY DOUTT

Basketball is in the Doutt's blood.

"My grandpa coached my mom in high school and she won state championships and my dad also won a state championship so it's been in the family forever," Kailey said. "My grandpa was a really good basketball player and then my brother growing up, I watched him play so that got me into it."

But Kailey wasn't always sure it was her game.

"I actually did gymnastics and dance and was a super big girly girl when I was younger and my parents didn't think I was going to play," Doutt said. "They were very worried about it but that didn't happen."

Doutt's parents began



McNary senior Kailey Doutt will run track and play basketball at George Fox University in Newberg.



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coaching her in the third grade in the Keizer Youth Basketball Association.

"They coached me through eighth grade and then they also coached my sister (Leah) fifth through eighth grade,"

Doutt said. "They coached two teams at one point at one time. They're super into it and they want to continue coaching so we'll see if that happens. It's a big part of my family. Everyday there's something basketball,

either my brother's games, our games, practice."

As a sophomore at McNary, Doutt was voted Greater Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 2016 as the Lady Celts finished fourth at the state

tournament.

Doutt was then selected Girls Basketball Player of the Year as a senior after averaging 18.4 points and 6.9 rebounds for the Lady Celts.

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McNary senior Nadia Witt hit .602 with 29 RBIs and 46 runs for the Lady Celts this season.

Witt repeats as Player of the Year

McNary senior Nadia Witt was voted Greater Valley Conference Softball Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

Witt, who has signed with the University of California, Riverside, posted a .602 batting average in her final season with the Lady Celts. She recorded 23 extra base hits, including 11 doubles, six triples and six home runs. Witt had 29 RBIs, scored 46 runs and stole 17 bases.

McNary freshman infielder Taylor Ebbs joined Witt on the First Team. Ebbs led the Lady Celts with 36 RBIs and scored 29 runs while recording a .539 average.

McNary senior Haley Ebner and sophomore Haley Bingenheimer were voted to the Second Team. Ebner hit .371 with 19 RBIs and 26 runs. Bingenheimer hit .414 with 19 RBIs and 15 runs. McNary junior Faith Downer was selected as a Second Team pitcher. Danner went 16-9 for the

Lady Celts, with a 3.09 ERA over 140 innings. Emma Kinler (outfield), Alexa Cepeda (outfield), Kate Ronning (infield) and Abbi Covalt (infield) were all honorable mention selections.

BASEBALL

McNary juniors Jacob Jackson and Ty Covalt were voted to the All-Greater Valley Conference First Team. Playing shortstop, Jackson hit .395 with 14 doubles, two home runs, 14 RBIs and 26 runs. At catcher, Covalt hit .341 with eight doubles, 20 RBIs and 14 runs.

Seniors Collin Wentworth, Lance Becktel and Carl Rumbaugh were selected to the Second Team. At second base, Wentworth led the Celtics with 22 RBIs, scored 14 runs and posted a .319 average. Becktel, an outfielder, hit .294 and scored 19 runs. On the mound, Rumbaugh was 4-5 with a 2.00 ERA over 49 innings. David Allen (pitcher) was honorable mention.

Yellowstone in the spring

Interested in sharing Yellowstone National Park with a few hundred people, or would you prefer to wait until summer and join the five million that will come later?

Jo and I were in Montana the last weekend of April attending an outdoor writer's conference. We decide to visit Yellowstone.

We invite Ron and Debbie Kerr, of Kimberley, British Columbia, to join us. They are also attending the conference. Ron has enjoyed a long and distinguished career as an outdoor writer and photographer.

We hope to see baby bison.

We have lodging in West Yellowstone, about a half mile from the west entrance to the park.

As we draw closer to West Yellowstone, clouds become darker and drop lower. Snow comes next.

Soon we are driving past snow piled several feet deep along the highway. Fortunately, the new snow melts on



On the Wild Side

by G.I. Wilson

contact with the road and we have safe driving conditions.

We go to bed with snow and wake up to snow. Streets are still clear. We decide to stay in town and wait for better weather tomorrow.

We wake up to sunshine, blue skies and spectacular views of snow-covered peaks. Time to head for Yellowstone.

Our destination for the day is Old Faithful, the most popular site in the park.

We drive along the beautiful Madison River. Canada geese are busy nesting along the banks of the gin-clear waters. One creative pair has built a nest in a hole on top of a huge boulder in the middle of the river, safe from four legged predators.

We pass along riverside meadows sprouting new grass

for the summer.

We resist joining other tourists busy snapping photos of the first bison of the day. We know we will see hundreds over the next few days.

Soon we can see beautiful white skeins of steam climbing through a backdrop of green. A heavy odor of sulphur permeates the area.

A quick vote. No one is interested in a stroll along the elevated walk ways.

Old Faithful is busy as usual. Nothing like what we experienced a few years back in September.

Forty minutes until the next eruption. Jo and Debbie check out the gift shop while Ron and I marvel at the piles of snow pushed from pathways and parking lots.

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Keizertimes columnist wins Legacy Award


Keizertimes columnist G.I. Wilson, was awarded the Northwest Outdoor Writers Association's Outdoor Writing Legacy Award at the annual conference in Choteau, Mont. in early May.

The association of writers and photographers encompasses Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, and Yukon.

Wilson also won two awards in the Excellence In Craft competition: *Songs of The Rogue*, and *How Bad Can Fishing Get*, columns featured in the Keizertimes.

Submitted G.I. Wilson, long-time columnist for the Keizertimes, won the Northwest Outdoor Writers Association Outdoor Writing Legacy award.

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