

Grad earns full ride to UCLA from Gates Foundation

By **DEREK WILEY**
Of the Keizertimes

After watching her older brother use the Gates Scholarship to earn a bachelor's degree at the University of Washington and a master's at Stanford, McNary senior Megan Schneider didn't need much convincing to apply for the scholarship herself.

And that decision paid off. The scholarships, from Bill and Melinda Gates, are awarded each year to 300 Pell-eligible, minority, high school seniors across the nation.

Winners receive a full scholarship to the school of their choosing.

Schneider will enroll at UCLA, which she ultimately chose over Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn.

"They have really good academic programs and they are not too far from home," Schneider said. "The weather is great and I have some family down there."

In order to receive the scholarship, Schneider, who is one of McNary's 16 valedictorians, FBLA president and community service chair for the Associated Student Body, not only had to fill out an application but also write four essays about her life goals and struggles of being a minority.

"We didn't have a lot of time to write them, the phases between the deadline and when you learn you have to write them is a pretty short turnaround, so they were



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Megan Schneider is the second person in her family to earn a full-ride scholarship from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

tough," Schneider said. "It was stressful. That was definitely a more difficult part. I'm not necessarily a big fan of writing. It takes me a while to put together a good essay."

Schneider had to wait months to find out if she would be one of 600 chosen for the final stage of the scholarship process—in-person interviews.

"After the essays, I felt pretty good about them," Schneider said. "They were probably some of my better essays but I

know there's some really great writers out there so I wasn't 100 percent sure I'd be able to make it to the next round but I'm glad I did. It was a long stressful couple of months where you just wait and wait so that wasn't fun."

Schneider did her interview at Chemeketa Community College.

"She was really nice and asked some similar questions to the essays and really just wanted to get to know me better," Schneider said.

Inspired by her teachers at McNary, Schneider plans to major in education at UCLA, but is keeping her options open.

"Mr. (Frank) Hanson and Mr. (Jim) Litchfield, specifically, have really helped me out throughout my high school career," Schneider said. "I've been interested in teaching for a while but UCLA also has a bunch of other really great programs just in case I decide to try something else or explore my options."

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Today in History

During the Six-Day War, Israeli aircraft and torpedo boats attack the USS Liberty in international waters off Egypt's Gaza Strip. The intelligence ship, well-marked as an American vessel and only lightly armed, was attacked first by Israeli aircraft that fired napalm and rockets at the ship. The ship was able to make contact with the U.S. carrier Saratoga, and 12 fighter jets and four tanker planes were dispatched to defend the Liberty. When word of their deployment reached Washington, however, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara ordered them recalled to the carrier, and they never reached the Liberty. The reason for the recall remains unclear.
— June 8, 1967

Food 4 Thought

"Every skill you acquire doubles your odds of success."
— Scott Adams, creator of Dilbert, born June 8, 1957

The Month Ahead

Continuing through Sunday, June 10

Shout! The Mod Musical presented by Enlightened Theatrics. Set in London during the swingin' 60s, this show chronicles the liberation of five women who redefine themselves in the face of changing attitudes toward gender roles. Visit enlighteneditheatrics.org for showtimes and tickets.

Continuing through Sunday, June 16

Pentacle Theatre's production of *Cabaret*. Visit pentacletheatre.org for show times and tickets.

Friday, June 8

McNary High School Class of 2018 graduation, 2 p.m., Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion.

Saturday, June 9

Salem-Keizer Community Uke Party. 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Willamette Valley Music Company in Salem and Uptown Music in Keizer.

Red Cross Blood Drive. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., American Red Cross Bus 5065 River Road N. To schedule an appointment, call or text 503-586-4977. (Sponsor code is KamikazeSportsNutrition).

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society meets at 12 noon in Anderson Room A of Salem Public Library (585 Liberty St SE). Emily Aulicino will speak about a "Follow-Up to a DNA Match." For more information, call (503) 363-0880.

World-wide Knit Day at Salem Public Library, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 585 Liberty Street S.E. in Salem

Sunday, June 10

Keizer Elks Lodge's Flag Day Ceremony, 1 p.m. 4250 Cherry Avenue N.E.

Monday, June 11

Keizer City Council work session, 6 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

Tuesday, June 12

Keizer Parks Board meeting, 6 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

Wednesday, June 13

Keizer Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

Thursday, June 14

Traffic Safety, Bikeways and Pedestrian Committee meeting, 6 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

Monday, June 18

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

Tuesday, July 12 – Sunday, July 15

Marion County Fair. Oregon State Fairgrounds. Tons of fun for everybody including entertainment, rides, animals and a rodeo. Visit marioncountyfair.net for fair times and admission prices.

Saturday, July 14

Race To Save The Harvest. The run benefits Salem Harvest which connects farmers and backyard growers with volunteer pickers to harvest fruits and vegetables that would otherwise go to waste. The 5k begins at 10 a.m. and the 3k begins at 10:05 a.m. at Riverfront Park. Participants who register before June 21 get reduced prices; visit salemharvest.org/events.php for more info.

Add your event by e-mailing news@keizertimes.com.

City mulls weed law merger

By **ERIC A. HOWALD**
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A question at the Keizer City Council meeting Monday, June 4, about whether to combine the city's ordinances governing medical marijuana dispensaries and recreational sales sparked a larger conversation about how to tackle the potential harms of marijuana with a generation growing up under new laws regarding the drug.

Based on anecdotal evidence gathered by Councilor Laura Reid at McNary High School where she is a teacher, the number of incidences of students found in possession of marijuana is on the rise.

While Reid supported the streamlining of the processes that the merger of ordinances would entail – such as reduced duplication of effort in background checks on state and city levels – her greater concern is the prevalence of marijuana in the school community.

"Both (Vice Principal Dan Borresen and Officer David Zavala, McNary's resource officer) have said, repeatedly, that when kids are found in possession of marijuana it is in packaging from the dispensaries, not little baggies," Reid said.

Because possession of marijuana is no longer a criminal offense, the schools are limited in the types of consequences that would naturally follow such incidences, Reid said.

"Students found with marijuana have told our staff that they can get it in less than an hour with a few texts," Reid said. "(Legalization) was passed with the idea that it was for adults, but it is trickling down. The education piece is not as prevalent as it is with alcohol and tobacco."

She said she would be in favor of tighter local ordinances to reduce the presence in the

community.

Mayor Cathy Clark agreed with Reid's take on the issue, but didn't go as far as calling for increased restrictions.

"The idea that marijuana is legal so it must be safe is (a mindset) in adults as well as teens," Clark said.

Despite those hesitations, councilors directed city staff to bring back a proposed ordinance combining the regulations of medical and recreational marijuana sales.

The combined regulations will keep the same hours of operation and setbacks regarding schools and public property, but will likely include changes to wording in reference to sign codes and eliminate the requirements for employees to undergo background checks by city employees.

The background checks were becoming an increasingly onerous task for the Keizer's

city staff.

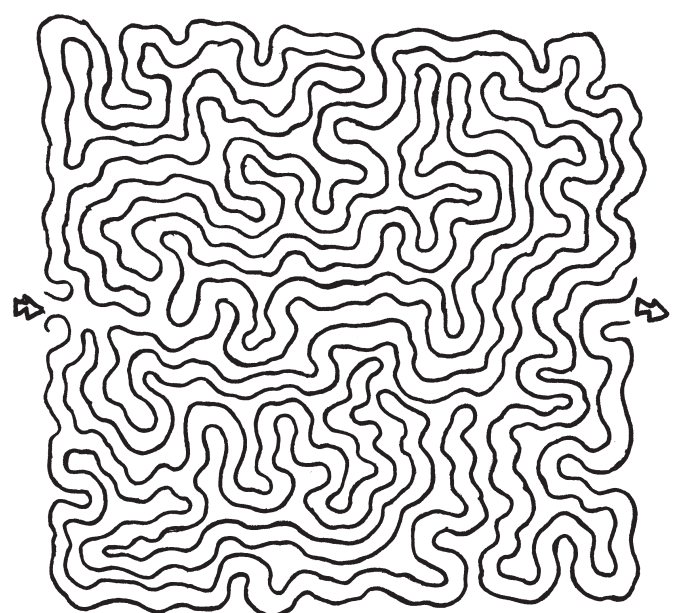
"We had one facility that was sending three or four background checks to us every other day because, by the time they got through the process, the applicants had been hired elsewhere," said Nate Brown, Keizer community development director.

Brown said the time was ripe for combining the ordinances because changes to state regulations are beginning to wane. In the early days of legalization,

Keizer and other cities struggled to keep pace with rapid changes. Keizer could choose to allow the state to oversee retailers located in Keizer, but doing so would mean giving up the city's ability to license them. The licensing process also grants city employees the ability to inspect the businesses.

Keizer currently has four marijuana dispensaries, but there are other spaces where new ones could be slotted.

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Maze by Jonathan Graf of Keizer

looking back in the KT

5 YEARS AGO

Cigarette ignites bark dust, scorches apartment building
Keizer firefighters were called to an apartment building at Hidden Creek Loop when a resident discovered a small fire outside. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the flames and evacuate residents.

10 YEARS AGO

Heated primary gives Marion Dems a boost
A slew of registrations in the midst of the heated 2008 Democratic presidential primary has flipped Marion County from a solidly red county into what could be called a deep purple.

15 YEARS AGO

Fire scorches gym roof, walls
A construction mishap triggered a fire at Gold's Gym, causing an unknown amount of damage to the roof and walls of the facility.

20 YEARS AGO

Urban renewal board falters
Since the beginning of the year, the Keizer Urban Renewal Board has had to scrub four of its five meetings -- not because of a lack of business, but largely because of poor attendance.

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If you have any, what is your current student loan debt?

- 33% – Between \$20,000 & \$50,000
- 24% – Between \$5,000 & \$20,000
- 19% – Under \$1,000
- 10% – Between \$1,000 & \$5,000
- 10% – Over \$50,000
- 5% – Oooh boy, don't ask!

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