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SALEM — McNary math teacher Louis Tiller's dad died when he was 9 years old, leaving his mom to raise six kids.

One of Tiller's own sons had craniofacial surgery when he was 8 months old. Another was diagnosed with dyslexia.

Tiller failed his first Calculus class in college and when he interviewed for a math position at

McNary, the first time, Tiller didn't get the job.

"Sometimes life knocks you down," Tiller told the McNary graduating class of 2018 on Friday, June 8 at the Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion. "It's your choice whether to get back up. The teachers who you will remember and the classes that you will recall from high school will not be the easy ones. In school as in life the best things come with the satisfaction of overcoming

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LEFT: McNary 2018 graduate Collin Wentworth receives his diploma. RIGHT: Michaela Ernest, Samantha Van Voorhis, Megan Schneider and Kirsten Williams.

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16000 miles and counting

Man embarks on sixth cross-country bike ride

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Keizer resident Brent Bundy, 50, began his sixth cross-country bike ride for breast cancer awareness on June 1. He plans to take the "straightest and legalest" path through the country and arrive in Staten Island, New York in mid-October.

Bundy's bike rides began in 2006, two years after his best friend since high school, Gina, died of breast cancer. To

commemorate her, he rides dressed in pink and with a sign strapped to the back of his bike to encourage women to get screened early. Catching the cancer early is the best way to survive it, so he felt embarking on his one-man campaign to promote regular screenings would be the best way to prevent people as loved as his friend Gina from succumbing to the illness.

"Maybe [seeing my bike] will remind you to get tested," he said.

In addition to the breast cancer awareness message, Bundy has written several other names and causes on his bike. These include Newtown, Conn., and Parkland, Fla., the cities of two school

shootings in 2012 and 2018, respectively, the name of war correspondent James Foley, who was killed in Syria in 2014, and the hashtag "So I Stayed," referencing the plights of women caught in abusive relationships. He describes these names and causes as "the closest to my heart." Raising awareness about breast cancer remains his primary goal, and Gina his primary motivation to continue.

"I pretend she's helping me on the big hills," Bundy said. He also attached her name to his helmet, and he taps it for encouragement.

Other obstacles arise on the road, however. Bundy

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Brent Bundy recently launched his sixth cross-country trek on a bike to raise awareness for breast cancer screening.

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Free class will give you a place to start

By **ERIC A. HOWALD**
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News of Anthony Bourdain's death by suicide was the first alert on my tablet when I awoke Friday, June 8. What followed was hours, then days, of would've, could've and should've voiced by people who knew him well and those that didn't.

I've written previously, and in hyperbolic fashion, about the hardest words to say in the English language, but time and experience are still teaching me that such difficulty is the direct result of context. When someone angers us, we have

to find our way back to "I love you." When someone we love is being abused, we need to silence doubt and say, "I believe you, and it's not your fault." When someone is under assault by their own mind and looking for a way out, we have to ask, "Are you thinking of killing yourself?" And then, if the response is "no," ask again.

Under the right circumstances, each of those phrases is an oversized elephant in a claustrophobic room and knowing what to do when the moment arrives can be a matter of life and

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