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had the potential to go to Stanford.”
 Going from Keizer to the Bay Area was a bit of an adjustment for Llanos, but she has adapted quite nicely.
 “So far, my year has been amazing. College can be a really amazing experience when you find community and people you identify with,” Llanos said. “Stanford is a very difficult academic school, but I feel like the skills that I learned in high school have transferred over.”
 Those skills, however, didn’t just come from McNary.

As the first members of their respective families to attend college, Llanos and Hernandez both acknowledged how influential the Willamette Academy was for them.

Willamette Academy was founded in 2001 by members of Willamette University with the goal of educating, inspiring and empowering students from historically underrepresented communities who have the desire to advance to and achieve higher education.

With a five-year cohort that allows students to enter the program in seventh grade, the Willamette Academy hopes to bring the benefits of higher education to communities who may never have considered it possible.

“The Willamette program demonstrated to me that I could attend college, despite my obstacles. Not just a community college or a local college, but any college I set my mind to,” Hernandez said. “The work I did there was important to me because I didn’t want to repeat the cycle of poverty.”
 “It definitely defined my path.”

Because of his past experience with college access programs, Hernandez wanted to find ways to get involved in that arena once he got to the Pomona campus.

It didn’t take him long to do so. In February, Pomona sent Hernandez to Harvard University to attend a leadership conference for first-generation low-income students.

Whether it was talking about uplifting intersectional identities, or meeting people from across the country with similar backgrounds, it was a trip that Hernandez won’t soon forget.

“It was one of the best weekends of my life,” Hernandez said.

While he was at Harvard, one of the first people wanted to share the information with was his former high school English teacher, Heather Woodward.

“I was very surprised when I picked up the call and Samuel wanted to talk to me. I could hear how happy he was in his voice right away,” Woodward said. “I was shocked he was thanking me. I mean, I’m just one small part of these students’ lives. It’s so amazing to get the chance to hear from them as successful adults.”

Woodward, who is now a language arts instructor at Claggett Creek Middle School, taught Hernandez and Llanos at McNary during their junior years.

Hernandez struggled with depression in the latter part of his high school life. As a coping mechanism, he would write poetry, and he trusted his teacher enough to let her read and critique it. Through these interactions, Woodward encouraged Hernandez in a way that stuck with him for his remaining days as a high schooler.

“I found solace through poetry and (Woodward) helped me process my emotions in a productive manner,”

Hernandez said. “It helped me get through some really difficult times, so when I was at Harvard, I just felt like I needed to share that excitement with her.”

Llanos also expressed her appreciation for Woodward as a teacher.

“She was not only a good person, but she really cared about helping us develop skills that we could apply later in life,” Llanos said. “She cared enough to be honest with her students and that builds a really strong relationship with students.”

“She also helped me a lot with my college essay and I think that was one of the things that helped me get into Stanford.”

As the school year is wrapping up, both Llanos and Hernandez are getting their plans set for the summer. Hernandez is planning on interning for Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden while Llanos will either do community service work in Ecuador or work for a nonprofit in California.

But whatever Llanos and Hernandez end up doing, their former teacher has all the confidence in the world that they are going to excel.

“They are survivors. They’re tremendously strong. When they want something, it’s best to just step aside, because they will dig in their heels and get it,” Woodward said. “Crystal and Samuel personify that strength, that resilience. They also have great love for the people around them and an overarching need to see justice for all people.”

“I find that people who have experienced injustice first hand tend to make it their business to bring justice to others. As an English teacher, there is nothing more gratifying than to see students use their words to improve our community.”



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Food 4 Thought

“If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude.” — Colin Powell, former Secretary of State, born April 5, 1937

The Month Ahead

Continuing through Saturday, April 20

Romance is the theme of the 9th annual Heritage Invitation Exhibit at Willamette Heritage Center at Mission Mill. Nine museums from around the region each have displays including Keizer Heritage Museum’s unique Keizer family wedding socks (on loan from the Oregon Historical Society). To learn more visit willametteheritage.org.

Saturday, April 6

The Salem Saturday Market will be open for its 21st season. It is located steps away from the Oregon State Capitol building, and will host over 150 vendors showcasing the bounty and art in Salem and the Mid-Willamette Valley.

Sunday, April 7

A string quartet will perform Franz Josef Haydn’s piece *Seven Last Words of Christ* for the seventh concert in the 2018-19 Evenson Concert Series. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Salem.

Tuesday, April 9

A three-course high tea will be served at Deepwood Museum and Gardens in Salem. The first seating will begin at 11 a.m. and the second seating will begin at 2 p.m. The tea is \$35 per guest and \$31.50 for Deepwood members. You can purchase tickets or get more information by visiting deepwoodmuseum.org or by calling (503) 363-1825.

Wednesday, April 10

Boy Scout Troop 105 will be having a fundraiser from 11 a.m. to close on Wednesday, April 10 at the Keizer Papa Murphy’s off of River Road. Ten percent of the sales for the day and proceeds will go towards hiking and camping trips, as well as important gear.

Sunday, April 14

The Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community will have a Palm Sunday Brunch at 10 a.m. at their retirement community. Admission is \$12 for ages 11 and up, \$6 for ages four and up, and free for children three and under. All proceeds will be donated to support local community and worldwide projects. Participants can pay at the door, and parties of five or more should RSVP at the business office and register by Monday, April 8.

Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center will host a Hawaiian Luau in their ballroom. Doors open at noon and dinner is served from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is only \$15, and guests will be able to enjoy a meal and a Fun Raffle. Music will also be performed by the band Lee Nicholas and Diane starting at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the front desk or at the door of the Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center.

Tuesday, April 16

McNary High School will host Capital College Night from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. More than 25 Oregon colleges and universities will be at the event to answer questions and provide information. It is open to any high school student and families. Students and parents will also have the option of attending Educational Breakout sessions.

Friday, April 26

The Mid-Valley Literacy Center presents Spotlight on Literacy, an opportunity for supporters to come together and recognize the past year’s accomplishments and recognize the progress made by students. The event will be held at Creekside Golf Club, 6250 Clubhouse Dr SE, Salem. The VIP event starts at 5 p.m. and the dinner program starts at 6 p.m. Dinner and program tickets are \$50 or \$500 per table. VIP reception and dinner program \$100 per person or \$1,000 per table.

Thursday, May 2

The 21st Annual Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Keizer Civic Center to celebrate National Day of Prayer. The event is non-denominational and all are welcome to participate. You can register at keizerchamber.com.

Sunday, May 5

St. Paul’s Music Guild Presents: Extraordinary Young Musicians. Sadie Byler, a cellist from South Salem High School, will perform. Starts at 4 p.m. at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 1444 Liberty Street SE in Salem.

RANGE,

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The incident followed a similar one that occurred in September 2017. On Sept. 10, a hail of bullets drove visitors out of Sunset Park and residents out of their homes. Police officers confronted a group using the shooting range and led officers to a car with an AR-15 inside it but

no one confessed to using it. Officers could not prove the AR-15 had been fired or who had done so, but they suspect someone was using it to shoot at clay targets tossed into the air.

Davis agreed to cease using his quarry as a shooting range until some sort of legal conclusion was reached, but there is nothing binding to prevent him from starting up again at will.

ACTIVIST: ‘Many things to many people’

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the history of the country that such corrective action had been taken.

“You never quit being an Indian just because your tribe has been terminated,” Pigsley said of the feat in 1991.

Pigsley has never stopped fighting for the rights of the Siletz. As chief negotiator for the Siletz Tribe, Pigsley passed agreements with Congress, negotiated compacts, and testified on Capitol Hill before Congress. She has worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Services on behalf of tribal members. The Confederated Tribe of the Siletz Indians, which was once on the verge of ceasing to exist, now owns and manages a reservation of over 3,500 acres, with a casino, resorts, hotels, a school and health clinics.

Pigsley has served as tribal chairman for 32 years. “Delores is many things to many people: a chairman, a leader, a role model, a wife, a mother and a grandmother. In spite of all her accomplishments, she remains humble, attributing much of her success to other Tribal council leaders and to many national Tribal leaders who have served as mentors to her,” Merklely wrote.

Junk Hunt planned in Salem

The Great Junk Hunt will be at the Oregon State Fair Grounds on Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13.

With over 45,000 square feet filled with the best vendors in the Northwest, participants will be able to find hand-picked vendors selling farmhouse, industrial, vintage, vintage-inspired, re-purposed, and handmade goods.

Early bird tickets to shop on Friday night from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. will be available for \$15 at the door. These tickets will provide for Friday and Saturday admission.

General admission tickets for Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. can be purchased at the door for \$7.

Tickets can also be purchased in advance at thegreatjunkhunt.com.



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THIS WEEK'S MOVIE TIMES

What Men Want (R)
 Fri 8:45, Sat 6:30, Sun 7:25

Fighting with My Family (PG-13)
 Fri 4:30, 9:05, Sat 4:25, Sun 2:15

Mary Poppins Returns (PG)
 Fri 2:00, 6:25, Sat 1:55, 3:25, Sun 11:45, 4:20

Dogs Way Home (PG)
 Sun 3:05

Aquaman (PG-13)
 Fri 6:00, Sat 4:10, 8:20, Sun 6:05, 8:45

Cold Pursuit (R)
 Sun 8:30

Green Book (PG-13)
 Fri 4:00, Sat 1:00, Sun 12:40

Isn't it Romantic (PG-13)
 Fri 8:50, Sat 8:45, Sun 6:45

Lego Movie 2 (PG)
 Fri 2:00, 4:00, Sat 11:00, 12:00, 2:05, Sun 12:00, 2:05, 4:05

Into the Spider Verse (PG)
 Fri 1:45, Sat 11:40

The Upside (PG-13)
 Fri 6:45, Sat 5:55, Sun 5:00

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GROWTH: Greater density, dev. incentives possible

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 to the use of private vehicles, but aside from the space every two-car household requires there are other costs in terms of environmental impacts and livability. By reducing or eliminating off-street parking requirements, the city could slight uptick in available space. Keizer has also taken steps to reduce street width, another step in deterring car travel.

ALLOWING MORE ATTACHED MULTIFAMILY HOUSING
 While there are a number of duplexes mixed in with residential neighborhoods, Keizer could do more in this regard by encouraging development of triplexes, quadplexes, townhouses and row houses. Implementing zoning or development codes to encourage this type of development would check two boxes for Keizer: increasing density with more affordable rents.

ENTICING DEVELOPERS

One of the largest obstacles to new development of any sort right now is derived from city’s inability to entice investment through monetary means. The city already has some of the cheapest building costs around in terms building and permit fees and system development charges (SDCs), but the report suggests even these might be waived. While that might get developers salivating, any roads and infrastructure built to sustain new neighborhoods and homes are eventually turned over to the city and money to maintain them “has to come from somewhere” according to a comment on this particular suggestion.

Alternately, the city could allow developers to pay SDCs over a longer time period and reduce upfront costs.

The city could also establish Urban Renewal Districts that would allow tax increases for a

predetermined amount of time to go back into improving the areas within the district. While these are often enticing to those who live within a proposed district, it can create strains for other taxing agencies, like Marion County, the Salem-Keizer School District or Keizer Fire District. Keizer Fire fought hard to end a previous urban renewal district in the city when it began throttling revenues for fire protection.

The city could also make use of a Construction Excise Tax. The Oregon Legislature granted authority to levy such taxes – a percentage of the overall valuation of a new development – to generate funds for affordable housing. There are several restrictions on how such money can be used, but the amount raised would probably be minimal at best given how few spaces are left for large developments within Keizer.



5 YEARS AGO

Chemawa project restarting
 Just a bit later than expected the final phase of the Chemawa Road North construction project should be restarted next week.

10 YEARS AGO

Brooks firm endeavoring to take oil from plastic
 BROOKS -- a firm here is teaming up with a Washington based company that says they’ve found a better use for non-recyclable plastics.

15 YEARS AGO

Sharing the road: City councilors mulling fixes for Chemawa Road
 Sunny spring weather on Monday brought Keizer kids out in twos, threes and more, headed to neighborhood parks and ballfields. Along Chemawa Road, east of River Road that put them elbow-to-bumper, as they walked the narrow bike path next to a stream of cars and trucks.

20 YEARS AGO

Spring fever hits Keizer— lower lower lower
 Maria Ramos, 9, test her flexibility and balance while playing limbo. She was one of dozens of youngsters who joined the fun at the Keizer Boys and Girls Club during Spring Break last week.

sudoku

Enter digits from 1-9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

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maze



Maze by Jonathan Graf of Keizer