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### Lady Celt catcher Kansas-bound

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Lady Celt Kiana Villarreal is taking a major leap of faith in August.

Villarreal, a just-graduated McNary High School alumna, signed to play softball with Kansas' Seward County Community College last month, and she's never even seen the place.

"We had a tournament in Huntington Beach, Calif., and I got recruited over there. A couple of weeks later, I started checking out their website and seeing what it was like," Villarreal said.

She met with the Saints' coach, Andrea Gustafson, during Christmas break last December and said it was Gustafson who convinced her it would be a good fit.

Villarreal's McNary coach, Kevin Wise, has nothing but faith that Villarreal can do whatever job she's called upon to do in Liberal, Kan.

"Kiana is one of the hardest workers I've ever been around," Wise said. "Being a catcher, you get beat up. There are some balls that I think I would be down crying, and she gets up and shakes it off. She's like steel."

Wise said her work ethic made her a role model on the team the past two seasons.

"She's the first one on the field and last one to leave whether she's working on skills or just picking stuff up," Wise said.

Work ethic aside, Villarreal has the numbers to back her up.

Prior to the Lady Celts making it to the post season, she batted .491 with seven doubles and four home runs. Behind the dish, Villarreal started 12 games with one error and 59 putouts. She'll play catcher for the Saints as well.



McNary High School alumna Kiana Villarreal recently signed with Kansas-based Steward County Community College to continue her softball career.

Villarreal said she's looking forward to playing at the next level and comparing it to what she's already experienced, even if it means she'll

have to do some new bonding.

"We've had such a close team this season and it's going to be a very new experience

going into games not knowing the other players as well. You get used to having the same faces around, but it should be fun, too," Villarreal said.

### Volcanoes return June 17

The Salem-Keizer Volcanoes return to Keizer with a game vs. the College All-Stars Wednesday, June 17. The game begins at 6:35 p.m.

The team follows their debut with a five-game home stand vs. the Vancouver Canadians. Game times are 6:35 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday. The Sunday game begins at 5:05 p.m.

Kids wearing their 2015 Awesome 3000 T-shirts will be admitted to Saturday's game free and will be able to meet the team on the field if they arrive by 5:45 p.m.

Sunday's game coincides with Father's Day and visitors can have photos of their dads displayed on the jumbotron by e-mailing jwalker@volcanoes-baseball.com.

The Volcanoes are seeking host family candidates for the

season. Host families provide a home for the Volcanoes in their first or second year of a variety of in-season benefits for opening their homes to to players.

Volcanoes players are in their first or second year of professional baseball,

ranging in age from 18 to 24 years old while coming from

very diverse backgrounds. Players

move to Salem-Keizer for the Northwest League season from all

across the country and world.

Volcanoes players arrive in early June and depart in early September. If you are interested in the program or want to find out additional information, please contact Rick Nelson at 503-390-2225 or via email at rnelson@volcanoesbaseball.com.



### Future Celt basketball camp starts June 15

The McNary High School boys basketball program is hosting summer camps for boys this month.

The camps are planned for Monday, June 15, through Thursday, June 18. Incoming third through fifth graders will meet from 9 a.m. to noon and incoming sixth through eighth graders will meet from 1 to 4 p.m.

Camps will focus on developing fundamentals like

footwork, shooting technique, passing and catching, dribbling and rebounding. Cost is \$55 and includes a T-shirt.

Send registration forms and payment (checks payable to McNary Boy's Basketball Club) to: McNary High School, c/o Boys Basketball, 595 Chemawa Road N., Keizer, OR 97303.

For more information contact Ryan Kirch at 541-908-1609 or rkirch@hotmail.com



Submitted Team Saigon players were, back row, Marco Trout, Nico Brown, Alberto Lemus and Damian Camarena. Jorge Garcia is seated in front.

### Saigon wins MHS Intramural title

Saigon defeated Los Morros in the championship game of the McNary High School intramural soccer league, Thursday, May 28.

This year alone, the school had 120 students and 10 faculty members participating in the soccer program. A basketball league played earlier this spring.

Los Morros players were Alfred Licona, Tony Trout, Noel Ramirez, Alejandro Ceja, Bryan Keo, Javier Zepeda and Drew Faatz.

### Midget team takes third in Westview Invite



Submitted Keizer's JBO Midget American team earned a third place finish with a 3-1 record at the Westview Invitational Tournament May 30 and 31.

Pictured left to right, front to back: Ty Borde, Ben Allen, Devin Burruss, Caden Briola, Jake Allen, Landon Gerig, JT Walsh, Jesiah Bartlett, Kelson Whalen, and Cammron Ferrando. Players not pictured are: Riley Dewater and Trace Thompson. Coaches are Tom Oglevie, Ryan Walsh, Nick Gerig, Dean Allen and Dustin Ferrando.