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Volcano Michael Connolly delivers a pitch to one of the Hillsboro Hops in the game Tuesday, Aug. 18. Hillsboro took the 5-4 win after Salem-Keizer left several runners on base. KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald

## Errors give Hops win

By HERB SWETT  
 For the Keizertimes

A close game at Volcanoes Stadium extended Salem-Keizer's losing streak to five Tuesday, with Hillsboro winning 5-4.

Several Volcanoes played well enough to win, but two errors and the left-on-base problem made the team effort fall short before a crowd of 1,525.

Sergio Alcantara led off the first inning for the Hops with a single to center field off Mike Connolly. He then stole second base and went to third as Dansby Swanson grounded out. A throwing error by Jose Vizcaino Jr. at third base scored Alcantara and put Grant Heyman on first. Despite allowing a double to Stryker Trahan, Connolly got out of the inning with no more runs.

Connolly allowed no more runs until the fifth inning, and Brent Jones, the Hops' starter, kept the Volcanoes scoreless until the fourth, when they went ahead.

Miguel Gomez led off the Salem-Keizer fourth with a single to right center, and Chris Shaw followed with a single to shallow center. Vizcaino then hit a home run over the left field fence for a 3-1 lead.

In the Hillsboro fifth, singles by Gerard Hernandez, Joey Please see HOPS, Page A12



Salem-Keizer's Mark Nelson puts the ball in play in the game Tuesday, Aug. 18. KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald

## Football camp draws throng to MHS gridiron



The annual McNary High School football camp packed the practice field last week in the run-up to daily doubles which began Monday, Aug. 17.

A: Robert Venson and Carson Heldt sprint to the finish line in an interception drill.  
 B: Jonathon Greenawald carries the ball up the field.  
 C: Jose Solorio runs back the ball after making an interception.  
 D: Noah Back looks for an open receiver.  
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## Losing skid drops S-K to 3rd in South

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The Volcanoes started with two victories in a road series but lost the next four games.

**Aug. 12: Volcanoes 6, Spokane 1**

Salem-Keizer bats and arms stayed hot for the opener of this five-game series in Spokane.

Several Volcanoes were heroes: CJ Hinojosa, who hit his fourth home run and drove in three runs; starting pitcher Michael Connolly, who ran his record to 4-1 with six strikeouts in his five innings; Scott Price, who went 4-for-4 and knocked in a run; and Steven Duggar, who had two hits and scored three times.

The Volcanoes scored two runs each in the first, third and fourth innings. In the first, Duggar walked, Hinojosa doubled and Miguel Gomez singled. Duggar led off the third with a single, advanced on two grounders and scored on an error. Duggar singled and was on base for Hinojosa's

homer in the fourth.

The Indians' run came in the fifth. Yeyson Yrizarri singled, moved up on a grounder and a wild pitch, and scored as Leon Byrd singled.

EJ Encinosa relieved Connolly, striking out two in two innings. Armando Paniagua pitched the eighth and ninth, striking out four. Spokane starter Cole Wiper was the losing pitcher.

**Aug. 13: Volcanoes 5, Spokane 0**

It was another big night for CJ Hinojosa and a step up for Andrew Suarez.

Hinojosa cracked the .300 barrier with a double and two singles, scoring two runs and reaching a .302 batting average for the season. Starting pitcher Suarez, whose pitch counts have been carefully limited because of his full season in college this year, went five innings for the first time, enough to pick up the win.

The Volcanoes scored two runs in the first inning and

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## Blue Day arrives Sat.

McNary High School's annual Blue Day celebration, scheduled Saturday, Aug. 22, promises to be the school's biggest yet.

In addition to a planned ribbon cutting for the school's new artificial turf field, scrimmages by McNary area football teams, the high school soccer and lacrosse teams as well as demonstrations by the band and color guard are slated.

The fun kicks off at 10 a.m. and is expected to wrap up

by 2 p.m. A community BBQ will feature a hamburger or hot dog, chips, salad, dessert and water or lemonade for \$4.

The Dodge Gridiron Challenge will be on-site to help raise funds up to \$5,000 for the football team. All eligible drivers 18 and older will be able to test drive a Dodge of their choice around a short course in the parking lot, no strings attached, and the football program will receive \$20.

The ribbon cutting is scheduled for noon.

## KYBA sign-up begins Aug. 21

Keizer Youth Basketball registration begins Friday, Aug. 21, and the organization is sporting a new website, www.keizerbasketball.com.

Families registering for recreational teams can save \$5 on regular registration fees by completing the forms online

at www.keizerbasketball.com by Aug. 31. Costs for students on recreation teams is \$85 per child (\$80 for early registration). The fee includes pre-season clinics and a complete uniform that will consist of a reversible jersey and shorts. Tournament fees have

been reduced to \$60 for players registering for tournament teams.

Full fees will be incurred for those registering after Aug. 31, but families registering more than one child will receive a \$5 discount for each additional child.

The league is expanding to include eighth grade tournament teams this season. Tournament team evaluations will be held the end of September and early October. If you would like more information, contact Kelli Schmidt at admin@keizerbasketball.com.