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Volcanoes drop opener at Hillsboro

By **HERB SWETT**
For the Keizertimes

Failures to execute, especially in the field, brought the Volcanoes a 10-4 defeat July 29 in the opening game of a series in Hillsboro.

The Hops led 2-0 after the first inning, and Salem-Keizer tied the score in the third, but Hillsboro went ahead by a run in the bottom of the third and

kept the lead the rest of the way.

In the first, Mark Karaviotis hit a one-out single to center field, Josh Anderson singled to left, and Ramon Hernandez walked to load the bases.

Starting pitcher Raffi Vizcaino forced Karaviotis home with a walk to Luke Lowery.

Luis Silverio hit into a double play, but Anderson scored

before the final out.

Dylan Manwaring led off the Volcano third with a single to left field and went to second base on a wild pitch by Hillsboro Hops' starter, Tyler Mark.

Manwaring then scored as Manuel Geraldo hit into a double play.

Bryan Reynolds singled to right, and Heath Quinn drove

him in with a double to right center.

In the Hillsboro third, Marcus Wilson led off with a Texas League single to left. Anderson was hit by a pitch. Wilson attempted to steal third and was called safe on an error by Geraldo.

The error was the first of four by Salem-Keizer.
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KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley
George Krause won the 50-54 age group in the pentathlon at the USATF Masters Outdoor Championships.

Cancer not slowing Keizer man down

By **DEREK WILEY**
Of the Keizertimes

George Krause went to the USA Track and Field Masters Outdoor Championships not to just battle the other five participants in his age group, 50-54, but to compete against himself, and cancer.

And he won. In the pentathlon, which includes the 200 and 1,500-meter runs, long jump, and discus and javelin throws, Krause recorded 3,211 points at Grand Vally State University in Grand Rapids, Mich. on July 14-17 to win his age group.

Krause, the computer lab teacher at Claggett Creek Middle School, was diagnosed with leukemia lymphoma a year and half ago when he decided to get a bump on his neck checked out.

"I'm going to continue doing things most people can't do for as long as I possibly can because you start taking stock of the time you have left when you get a diagnosis like that," he said.

"The fact that I can go out there and still sprint and still throw and still do things that most 50-year-olds can't do, then I know I'm not sick. It was found early. The cancer is

not aggressive, which is problematic because you can't really cure it. It's just a very slow moving train."

Because he's not sick, Krause isn't undergoing any treatment, just blood work every six months.

Krause threw the javelin in college at Harvard but said he was no star.

At the USATF Masters Outdoor Championships, Krause placed first in both the javelin and discus, second in the long jump and 200 and fifth in the 1,500.

"I'm a thrower," he said. "I don't mind sprinting, not a fan at all of the 1,500. I'm just now learning the long jump. This was only the third time I'd ever long jumped at a competition was in this championship."

"I'm just a regular cat. It wasn't like I ever went to the Olympic trials or anything like that. I'm just a Joe that decided to get off the couch and do stuff and found some success. I'm hoping a couple of people might actually read this and think I could do that. I bet you there are people in this city right here that are better pentathletes than I am. It's just a matter of doing it."

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Keizer Cubs won the Boys of Summer Classic 9U bracket last weekend in Eugene by coming from behind to defeat the West Valley All-Stars 13-12.

Boys of Summer

Cubs go undefeated

By **DEREK WILEY**
Of Keizertimes

Down six runs in the final inning, the Keizer Cubs rallied to win the Boys of Summer Classic July 30-31 in Eugene.

Keizer defeated West Valley All-Stars 13-12 in the championship game of the 9U bracket.

Trailing 12-6, Aiden Garcia and Derek Jones started the

bottom of the sixth inning with bunt hits.

Jake Allen hit an inside the park home run and Dylan Cuff scored the winning run on a passed ball.

"Our kids just started hitting the ball," Cubs coach Tim Jones said. "We had base hit after base hit."

Kyle Argue, who didn't allow a run in the top of the

sixth inning, was the winning pitcher.

Keizer defeated the WV All-Stars A-Team, ranked fourth in Oregon, Washington and Idaho and 98th in all of Northwest Nations Baseball, twice in the tournament.

The first win was also a one-run game, 9-8. The Cubs also topped West Valley's B-Team 12-4 and throtled Central Lane Knights 16-1 to advance to the championship game.

The Cubs, which includes players Garcia, Cuff, Argue, Derek Jones, Jake Allen, Ben Allen, Jayden China, Cash Martin, Mason Spolinski and Bryson Springer; and coaches Tim Jones, Chris Argue, Tony Cuff and Brandon Martin, have been together since T-Ball.

They play in the Junior Baseball Organization.

The Boys of Summer Classic was their highest finish in a tournament.

Local AAU team wins national Vegas tourney

By **DEREK WILEY**
Of the Keizertimes

Salem Hoops Run and Shoot sixth grade girls squad, coached by former Oregon State basketball player James Westbrook and McNary graduate Misty Rubio, saved their best game for last, defeating the Lady Heat 54-35 on July 22 to win the Las Vegas Classic.

"In that particular championship game, the girls played awesome, from top to bottom," Westbrook said. "Everyone contributed. Everyone scored. Everyone had great defensive moments."

Salem won the game by stepping up on defense and shutting down the Lady Heat's best players.

"They had one in particular that was really good, that

we had watched throughout the tournament," Westbrook said. "My girls totally shut her out and didn't let her do anything, which was the key to winning the game because basically she does everything for that team. We had a game plan going into it and they executed. Our goal is not to let any one player beat us. It was an awesome victory for us."

Salem got to the championship game of the 10-team tournament played at the Las Vegas Convention Center by winning four straight games, including a 44-41 victory over Hawaii Select in sudden death triple overtime. Run and Shoot also topped Shark City 37-21, E3 48-34 and CP Wolves 36-30.

"They're just a really good group," said Rubio, who has

also coached in the Keizer Youth Basketball Association for the last six years. "Their skill level is amazing."

The Salem team, which consists of Misty's daughter Taylor, Delaney Keith, Brooklyn Strandy, Maddie Doig, Lindsey Bailey, Bailey Pedersen and Lanie Barton, has been playing together since the fall, hosting tournaments as well as traveling to Beaverton, Portland and Eugene.

"We've won a couple big tournaments here in Oregon," Westbrook said. "We always wind up in the championship game, whether we win or lose, they are always in the hunt, they are always right at the top. Now, they are starting to come into their own and winning a lot more games than they are losing."



Submitted
Salem Hoops Run and Shoot sixth grade girls, coached by Misty Rubio and James Westbrook recently won the Las Vegas Classic. Pictured players, back row, from left, are Taylor Rubio, Delaney Keith, Brooklyn Strandy, Maddie Doig, Lindsey Bailey, Bailey Pedersen and Lanie Barton.