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Volcanoes open season Friday

By **HERB SWETT**
Of the Keizertimes

Salem-Keizer Volcanoes officials and players met Saturday, June 9 in Salem in preparation for the 2018 season, which starts Friday, June 15.

Saturday's gathering at the Comfort Suites on Hawthorne Street was for paperwork, introduction of a new manager and coach and other club officials, and a discussion of policies by Jerry Howard, senior marketing executive.

The new manager is Hector Borg, a former Volcanoes infield instructor who last year led the Arizona League Giants to the AZL Championship Series. The new pitching coach is Dwight Bernard, who held that position for the AAA Sacramento River Cats from 2014 through 2017. Jake Fox, who was a utility player with four years in the major leagues, with the Chicago Cubs, Baltimore Orioles, and Oakland Athletics, is the new hitting coach. The fundamentals coach, Mark Hallberg, coached in the Cape Cod League for four years.

Also new is the training staff. Charlene Wichman, the athletic trainer, was the trainer for the AZL Giants last year. Joe Palazzolo, the strength and conditioning coach, is new to



VOLCANOES
BASEBALL

This Week

FRIDAY, JUNE 15
vs. TRI-CITY Dust Devils
6:35 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16
vs. TRI-CITY Dust Devils
6:35 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17
vs. TRI-CITY Dust Devils
5:05 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 18
vs. TRI-CITY Dust Devils
6:35 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19
vs. TRI-CITY Dust Devils
6:35 p.m.



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Stetson Woods, back with the Volcanoes this season, throws in the bullpen at practice on Monday, June 11 while new pitching coach Dwight Bernard talks to pitchers on his staff.

the San Francisco Giants organization.

Jolbert Cabrera, who managed the Volcanoes last year, is now managing the class A Augusta Green Jackets. Matt Yourkin, who was pitching

coach, now has that position with the advanced A San Jose Giants. Ricky Ward, last year's hitting coach, is no longer in the Giants organization.

Among the Volcanoes staffers at the meeting was Judy Fromherz, host family coordinator, who said a few more host homes were needed for

this year's Volcanoes.

Eleven of last year's Volcanoes are returning. They are pitchers Stetson Woods, Greg Jacknewitz, Alejandro de la

Rosa, and Sidney Duprey; catchers Chris Corbett and Will Albertson, catcher-in-fielder Dylan Manwaring; in-

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Ebbs joins wrestling powerhouse

By **DEREK WILEY**
Of the Keizertimes

Brayden Ebbs was just 5 years old when he fell in love.

It only took 8 seconds.

"I had been wrestling a lot. I had gotten better in the wrestling room. I just hadn't competed at all," said Ebbs, who started wrestling at the Celtic Mat Club camp when he was 4. "And I remember my very first match lasted 8 seconds total because the kid just tried to shoot in on me and I just put him straight to his back and pinned him. And that was my very first memory of wrestling and ever since then I just fell in love with the sport."

Not long after, Ebbs knew he wanted to wrestle in college.

"That was always one of my big dreams because I love the sport of wrestling and I love the community and the friendships you make within it," Ebbs said. "Ever since I was little I always told my dad that I wanted to wrestle in college and he definitely helped me get there."

Ebbs signed with Grand



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LEFT: Brayden Ebbs, with his dad, head wrestling coach at McNary High School, holds up his national letter of intent to wrestle at Grand View University in Des Moines, Iowa. ABOVE: Ebbs wrestles in the district finals in February.

View University, winner of seven straight NAIA National Championships, on Wednesday, June 6.

"Grand View is an amazing school," Ebbs said. "I went down on my visit and I abso-

lutely loved it, great community, great school and their wrestling program is phenomenal. It's a great group of guys that I got to know and they're all super close, which is a big thing that I look at. I don't want to

be part of a team where everybody is kind of doing their own thing. At Grand View they're all great friends and like brothers to each other."

Ebbs got in touch with Grand View, located in Des

Moines, Iowa, through another former McNary wrestler—Devin Reynolds.

Reynolds, who placed third at 149 pounds at the national championships, will be a senior at Grand View next year.

"With him going there it definitely helped out a lot because the thing with Grand View is they don't normally recruit outside of Iowa," Ebbs said.

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Keizer Soccer Club wins boys U14 title

By **DEREK WILEY**
Of the Keizertimes

Keizer Soccer Club Bolton came from behind to win its second straight Boys U14 Silver Mid Valley Soccer League championship.

Trailing No. 1 seed Dallas on Sunday, June 10 at Whiteaker Middle School, Bolton scored two goals in the second half to win 3-2.

Solomon Moore, who had Keizer's first goal of the game, also netted the tying goal.

Ben Sheets then scored the

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