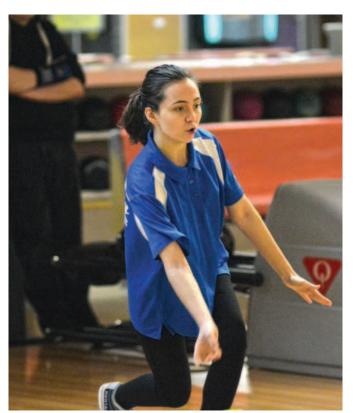
McNary bowlers pull off upset at state tournament

The McNary girls bowling team competed in the state tournament over the weekend (Feb. 23-24) and pulled off a major upset in the first round.

The Celtics were seeded 15th coming into the tournament, which matched them up against second-ranked Crater in the opening round. But McNary wasn't intimidated in the slightest as the team had a combined score of 313 over a two-game series, allowing them to knock off Crater and advance to the following round.

However, McNary couldn't recreate the magic in their following two match-ups. The Celtics only scored a 216 in a series loss to Silverton, putting them in the consolation bracket — where they were eliminated by Grants Pass.



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McNary bowler Bailey Gekeler works on her technique at a practice back in February.



(From left to right) Emily Blagg. Madison Corpe, Isabella Rodriguez and Talia Medlin smile for the camera after helping their team take second at a national volleyball tourney in

Keizer athletes place second at national tourney

The North Pacific Juniors (NPJ) 14U Salem National club volleyball team got the opportunity to compete at the Triple Crown Volleyball Tournament in Kansas City, MO., on Feb. 16-18.

The team features four Keizer residents — Emily Blagg, Madison Corpe, Isabella Rodriguez and Talia Medlin.

Blagg, Corpe and Rodriguez are eighth graders at Whiteaker Middle School while Medlin attends Clagget Creek Middle School.

All four girls plan on playing volleyball at McNary High School next season.

The team took second place in the tournament's open division and finished the weekend with a record of 7-2.

Michael Seemann, who is the head volleyball coach at Portland State University, is in charge of the program.

"(I'm) very pleased with our performance at our first National Tournament," Seemann said. "Great competition exposed our weaknesses and

highlighted where we needed to improve. We are only beginning to see our poten-

NPJ will be having car wash fundraisers at the Dayspring Church parking lot (1755 Lockhaven Dr.) on March 9 and March 30 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The money raised will go towards helping the team fund planned trips to Orlando, Fla., Las Vegas, Nev., and Indianapolis, Ind.

If you cannot attend the car wash but still wish to donate, contact Tracie Corpe at keizeryouthvolleyball5@yahoo.com.

You can also follow the team on their YouTube channel "fam2share" to watch promos and live games.

Volcanoes make return to KYKN



Mitche Graf, the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes president of business operations, announced at the organization's winter sports banquet on Feb. 7 that the team has entered a new multi-year radio partnership with 1430 KYKN, returning Volcanoes games to the station after an absence of more than a de-

KYKN was the flagship station of the Volcanoes for their inaugural season in 1997 and their partnership continued for 11 seasons through 2007. During those years, the Volcanoes won four Northwest League championships, including back-to-back championships in 2006 and 2007.

To cap the impressive run, the Volcanoes were named the National Minor League Team of the Year in 2007 and posted a Northwest League

all-time record of 57-19.

"We as a staff are dedicated to bringing the Volcanoes back to their glory days. The franchise has a very impressive and storied history and KYKN was our partner for those successful formulative early years. Bringing KYKN back in the fold, is just one of many moves this off-season to excite and re-energize our terrific fan base," said Graf.

The agreement is for three years, running through

"We could not be happier to once again be involved with the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes," said KYKN owner Mike Frith.

"In the beginning the Volcanoes were a bit of a gamble - not knowing what the franchise would become. However, after 22 years in the community, they have entrenched the Volcanoes' brand throughout the area and have cemented their legacy with their good works, commitment of time, money, resources and has created overall goodwill throughout the region. These are all attributes that we at KYKN are proud to be associated with." Volcanoes' co-owner Jer-

ry Walker added: "We could not be more excited to return to KYKN. Mike and his staff are first-class all the way. This partnership will be a benefit to all involved especially our fans and marketing partners. The meaning of this cannot be overstated. Everyone will know the Volcanoes along with KYKN are back."

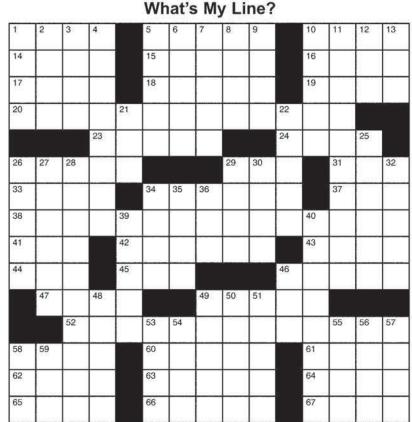








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