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## MYF offering flag football in the fall

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After the OSAA elected to move their fall sports season to March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tualatin Valley Youth Football League (TYFL) made the decision earlier this month to cancel the 2020 football season. “With the countless reasons we are prevented from starting this season: player health concerns related to COVID-19, insurance and liability concerns, safety equipment and field use issues, inability to have spectators, as well as the ever-changing state and local health guidelines, there are too many unknowns at this time to proceed with planning a fall season,” the league said in a Facebook post.

But even though there won't be tackle football this

fall, McNary Youth Football (MYF) president Kyle Hughes, is working alongside other league presidents

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— Kyle Hughes,  
MYF president

in Marion County to provide a flag football season starting next month.

“After meeting with the valley organizations, it became clear that we wanted to move forward with a flag season,” Hughes said. “We were sad that the kids were going to be missing out on their normal season, so we wanted to provide an avenue for them to continue to play

the game safely and work on their skills.”

MYF will be offering traditional flag football for kids in kindergarten through second grade, while third through eighth graders will be playing 7-on-7 flag football.

Practices will start on Sept. 14 and games will be played each Saturday from Sept. 26 through Oct. 31. MYF squads will face off against the traditional valley schools — South Salem, North Salem, McKay, West Salem, Sprague — as well as Silverton and Salem Academy.

Registration is now open on the MYF website ([www.mcmaryouthfootball.com](http://www.mcmaryouthfootball.com)) — registration closes on Sept. 4. Cost is \$50 per player.

Because 7-on-7 games only include skill position players, MYF will be offering free lineman practices once per week for third through eighth graders.

“It's sad that a lot of our lineman are missing out, so we wanted to do something

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McNary Youth Football plans to provide a flag football season this fall for kids in kindergarten through eighth grade.

## Volcanoes hosting cancer awareness game

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The Salem-Keizer Volcanoes have been honoring

local cancer survivors, and those who have lost their lives to the disease, at the ballpark for nearly two decades.

Even though it will look different than years past, the organization is keeping that tradition alive this fall.

In collaboration with the Corban College baseball team, the Volcanoes will be hosting a cancer awareness game on Thursday, Oct. 1, giving special recognition to those who have survived cancer on the first day on Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

During a normal year, the

Volcanoes would host their annual Cancer Awareness Weekend in the first weekend of August. But even with the COVID-19 pandemic canceling the season, the organization felt like it was a priority to somehow organize a baseball game to honor survivors of cancer.

“We wanted to do whatever we could to keep this thing going,” Volcanoes CEO Mickey Walker said. “After a bunch of us did some brain-

storming, we knew we could make this work. It has been something that we have been extremely proud to put on.”

The game will serve as an intersquad scrimmage for Corban, with half of the players putting on Volcanoes jerseys to represent the home team. Game time is 6:35 p.m.

Cancer survivors can email Volcanoes owner Jerry Walker ([volcanoes@volcanoesbaseball.com](mailto:volcanoes@volcanoesbaseball.com)) and request free tickets to the

game, compliments of Dr. Bud Pierce of Oregon Oncology Specialists — who is also one of the founders of the Cancer Awareness weekend.

Only 250 people will be allowed in attendance for the game and social distancing protocols must be followed.

For the Walker family, cancer awareness hits close to home. Lisa Walker, co-owner of the Volcanoes and wife to Jerry, is a cancer survivor and was treated by Dr. Pierce.

“Dr. Pierce saved my mom's life. We know how much cancer can affect families. That's one of the reasons

we take so much pride in honoring cancer survivors,” Mickey Walker said.

Even though most of the stadium will be without fans, the Volcanoes are hoping to fill up seats in a different way.

For \$30 each, Volcanoes fans can have a cardboard cutout image of themselves in a seat, or have the cutout be a shrine to a loved one that was lost to cancer, or someone that is not able to attend the game in person. The cutouts will be available to keep after the game. For details on how to submit

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## Aguilar wins O-line MVP award at all-state game



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Enrike Aguilar from McNary Youth Football represented Team Oregon at the seventh grade all-state game, which was played in Idaho and featured some of the best youth players in the state. Aguilar helped anchor a rushing attack that ran for over 350 yards, allowing Team Oregon to beat Team Metro 34-32 in overtime. After the game, Aguilar was named the offensive line MVP.

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