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From left, Netanya Welch with Vitis Terra Vineyard Services, left, and owner Namaste Dave Masciorini inspect grape coming off the vines at the vineyard outside of Dallas on Wednesday.

Hot season, big wines

Warm growing season should translate to flavorful wines in 2015

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

POLK COUNTY — The morning of the first day of fall, crisp and beautiful, set the perfect scene for wine grape harvesting at Namaste Vineyard outside of Dallas.

The calm morning was filled with the quick snip, snip, snip of clippers while workers deftly removing dark purple pinot noir grape clusters from the vines. The grapes harvested Sept. 23 will become the vineyard's "Prosperity pinot."

Owner Dave Masciorini was all smiles at the beginning of the earliest harvest on record at the vineyard.

"I will have everything off before October, except Riesling," he said, sitting aboard the tractor he uses to move full containers of grapes from Prosperity's hillside rows. "That's never happened before."

By that point in the harvest, Masciorini was more than pleased with the growing season's bounty.



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Namaste owner Dave Masciorini waits to haul grapes.

The hot and dry summer prevented common plagues of mildew and late-season pressure from birds seeking to make a meal out of sweet grapes.

The rain that's visited the valley off and on since late August was just enough to help slow down ripening and balance out the acids and flavors.

"When the rain started to come, if it would have gone steady, we would have had such an incredible year

with this limp little finish," he said. "We probably wouldn't have been able to get it right."

Masciorini said 2015 and 2014 have been as good as it gets, even with record heat.

"If this were the new norm — I don't think it is — but that would be fantastic," he said. "If this were the new norm, I would be able to sleep at night."

Bryan Croft, winemaker with Firesteed Cellars Winery in Rickreall, said he,

too, is pleased with what has come in so far since the vineyard's harvest that began Sept. 6.

Firesteed's harvest also is the earliest on record, thanks to an early bud break and bloom during the latter part of a mild winter. Combined with the heat of summer, Croft believes the 2015 wines will be very drinkable right away.

"I think 2015 will be one of those years that is going to make a really big splash in the (wine) magazines," Croft said. "It's more of the blockbuster than the indie film. You don't have to wait around."

In contrast, cooler years create wines with more subtle flavors and more acid, he said. Those wines typically age well as flavors develop over time. This year's vintage will be the opposite.

"You know they are going to be delicious (now)," Croft said.

The season wasn't perfect, though.

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No easy fix for SW Polk Fire's budget woes

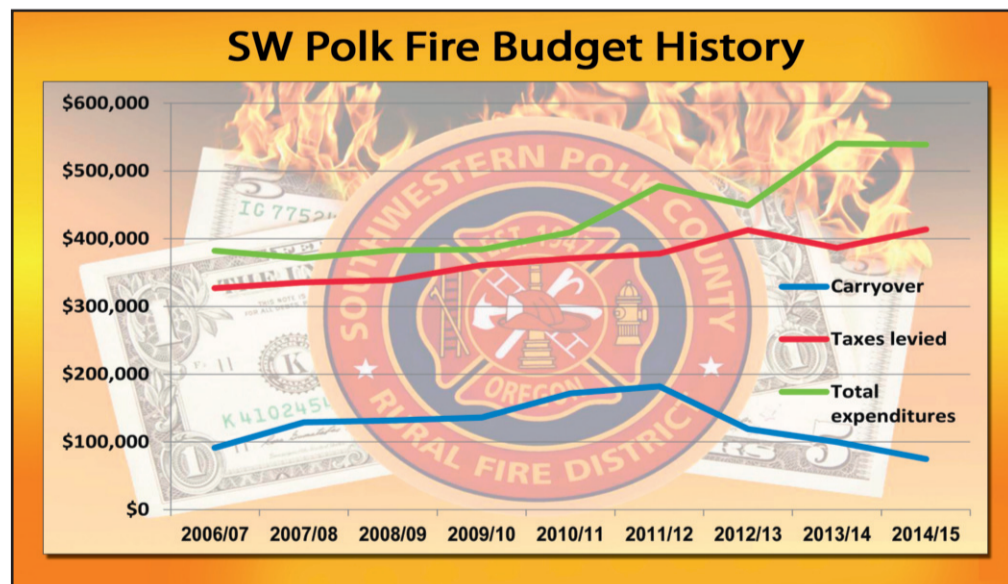
By Jolene Guzman
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POLK COUNTY — For at least nine years, Southwest Polk Rural Fire Protection District has spent more money than it has levied in taxes.

Not because of frivolous spending, said SW Polk's Fire Chief Fred Hertel — also Dallas Fire & EMS' chief — but rather the cost of doing business has simply overwhelmed the district's tax rate.

Measures 47 and 50, passed by voters in the late 1990s, attempted to rein in government spending by rolling back tax rates to 1993 levels.

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Graphic by KATHY HUGGINS/Itemizer-Observer

IN YOUR TOWN

DALLAS NEWS

The annual Dallas Booster Club Auction returns Saturday evening.

Tickets for the event, which begins at 6 p.m. at the Dallas Nesmith Readiness Center, located at 12830 Westview Drive, are \$25 and will be available at the door, organizer Michelle Nelson said.

This year's auction will include a variety of items to bid on, from house rentals at Sunriver to the chance to be a wrestling coach during the wrestling team's Orange and Black scrimmage, to local artwork, a pair of grills and gift cards.

Money raised supports Dallas High's sports.

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FALLS CITY NEWS

With eight freshmen and five sophomores, Falls City's volleyball team has seen a resurgence in numbers. The dramatic increase also means the Mountaineers are among the youngest teams in the Casco League.

Senior Allison Kidd has seen the volleyball squad grow from six players in 2014 to more than 20 in 2015.

For some, high school athletics is a serious matter — a place where student-athletes should focus only on the task at hand. Kidd doesn't subscribe to that line of thinking.

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INDEPENDENCE NEWS

The after-school program at Monmouth Independence YMCA, Go Club, is more than just a baby sitting service, said executive director Natascha Cronin.

"It's not just that we're making sure your child is safe and dry and feeding them," she said. "It really is a very different program than what it's been in the past. We're considering ourselves more of an extension of the school day."

There's plenty of play time, especially if it's nice outside.

Monday afternoon, about a dozen kids chased each other on the playground.

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MONMOUTH NEWS

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THE NEXT 7 DAYS PLANNING FOR YOUR WEEK	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun	mon	tue
	Grab a yoga mat and head to Rogue Farms Hopyard in Independence for some relaxation in the bines. 6 p.m. Free.	It's October, and that means it's Breast Cancer Awareness month. Find out what you can do to prevent cancer at cancer.org.	Imani Milele, a Ugandan children's choir, will perform at First Christian in Dallas to raise money for African orphans. 6:30 p.m. Free.	Uninsured? Receive free medical and mental health care at the Polk Community Free Clinic at Trinity Lutheran. 7-11 a.m. Free.	Practice your singing with free lessons for all ages at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dallas. 1:30-3 p.m. Free.	Eating at Dairy Queen will help students in Monrovia, Liberia, build bookcases and buy books for a new library. 5-8 p.m. Cost varies.	Author Steve Arndt will talk about Oregon Ghost Towns at the Monmouth Public Library during a presentation. 6 p.m. Free.
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AFSCME, county at odds

Two organizations have been negotiating since June

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

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County Administrator



Greg Hansen said AFSCME members are asking for 2.5 percent COLA, a difference of 1 percent. The county and the union essentially agree on selective salary increases for 10 to 15 positions, he added.

Amanda Stevens, Polk County mental health worker, said at the Sept. 23 county commissioner meeting that the “insufficient COLA” offered “makes me feel devalued and disrespected.”

She said her workload — and that of all mental health workers in the county — has increased significantly because of reforms to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act.

“We serve more clients, with additional monitoring

requirements,” Stevens said. More reports are being made and investigated.

Joseph West, AFSCME representative, said state requirements in reporting have put a lot more work on mental health counselors such as Stevens.

“Workers in her department used to do six- to seven-page reports,” West said. “Now those reports are 80 to 90 pages.”

West said that union workers have worked with the county in the past, accepting lower increases and taking layoffs. But now, the county has roughly \$3 million more in the mental health budget.

“The wage increases that the mental health — and our overall public service workers — are requesting or trying to reach with the county are pretty much on average with most of what we’re seeing (in other AFSCME represented agencies),” West said.

Hansen said the additional revenue in the mental health budget has gone to contingency and increases in staffing and equipment. He noted that he tries to keep county workers paid on the same level as those in five other counties used to compare: Linn, Benton, Lincoln, Yamhill and Tillamook.

Hansen said he doesn’t agree that the reason the county is keeping firm at its 1.5 percent COLA offer is political.

“Recently we went for a public safety levy,” he said. “The county is very cognizant of that, and are stewards of the public’s money. I don’t think it’s the best time to give a more than generous COLA.”

During the cooling off period, the county and union will meet with a mediator two more times to try and work out the wage portion of the contract.



EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-Observer

The new Monmouth Historic Walking Tour app for iPhones or Androids allows users to explore the tales of buildings in town and on Western Oregon University’s campus.

Explore, learn about Monmouth

New app makes it easy to walk around downtown, WOU

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Once downloaded, the app provides users with information, pictures and history about 29 historic sites in Monmouth, including Western Oregon University. A global positioning system icon allows users to identify

where they are in the city and see where on the map the next historic site is.

The app is very basic. The GPS function does not automatically update to show where you are or in what direction you are walking. No notifications are available as you pass by historic sites, so you have to be looking for them.

It’s free to download and use. The map is easy to read, and the facts are interesting. Additional photos are included with some sites, featuring historic pictures of a place, or sometimes photos of what it looks like inside.

The app also features “fun facts” about Monmouth, including that the sequoia tree that is decorated every year on Western Oregon University’s campus was planted in 1887.

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Dallas author wins award for children’s book

Itemizer-Observer staff report

DALLAS — Kim Conolly, a Dallas author, has won the Cascade Award for her unpublished children’s book, “I’ll Tuck You in, Mama,” at the Oregon Christian Writers Summer Conference held in Portland in August.

The contest received more than 225 entries.

Finals judges were top editors, agents, and authors from the Christian publishing industry.

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Letters to the editor — 10 a.m. on Monday.
Obituaries — 4 p.m. on Monday.
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WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Sept. 22	71	46	.00
Sept. 23	75	42	.00
Sept. 24	80	49	.00
Sept. 25	68	54	.13
Sept. 26	70	50	.01
Sept. 27	72	40	.00
Sept. 28	80	40	.00

Rainfall during Sept. — 1.13 in.
Rain through Sept. 28 — 17.12 in.



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Starting Thursday, anyone older than 21 will be able to legally purchase marijuana flower.

Pot makes its way to Polk

Commission to look at land-use laws to allow drug

By **Jolene Guzman**
The *Itemizer-Observer*

POLK COUNTY — The Polk County Board of Commissioners voted Sept. 16 to extend a moratorium on marijuana production and sales within unincorporated areas of the county for six months.

The moratorium will allow the Polk County Community Development Department to craft an amendment to the county's land use code creating regulations — mostly regarding location — for marijuana production, processing, wholesaling, retail sales and medical marijuana dispensaries.

That amendment would go before the Polk County planning commission and board of commissioners for approval.

The board held a public hearing Sept. 16 on extending the moratorium, after which it voted to approve it.

The move signals that the board is working toward allowing marijuana business-

es in the county, something Commissioner Mike Ainsworth, who provided the lone vote against the plan, isn't pleased with.

"I think we are on a slippery slope in regards to marijuana," he said, adding even though the law restricts the drug to those 21 and older, younger people will have more access, in his opinion.

The state has allowed counties that had a vote tally of 55 percent or more against Measure 91, the initiative that legalized recreational marijuana possession and use, to ban manufacture and sales of the drug. At 52.5 percent voting "no" on the measure, Polk County fell just short of that threshold.

Ainsworth said his opposition is representing those voters.

"On this one, I'm going to stand my ground," said Ainsworth, who also is involved with Polk County's Drug Court program. "I'm not in favor of it."

Austin McGuigan, the

county community development director, said with the moratorium in place, the planning commission will begin creating a legislative amendment to recommend to the board. He said that work should be completed by early next year.

McGuigan said the objective with the delay is providing plenty of opportunity to Polk County citizens to weigh in on the regulations. He said it's possible the new regulations could be completed before the six-month moratorium ends.

"The board wanted to hold more hearings," McGuigan said. "That gives ample time for board to hold its own public hearings."

BUSINESS BRIEF

Rec. marijuana sales begin Thursday

INDEPENDENCE — Two medical marijuana dispensaries, both in Independence, will begin selling marijuana flower to the public on Thursday.

Healing Green Dispensary, 769 N. Main St., suite C, and Blackbird Indica, 319 S. 10th St., will expand their clientele from medical marijuana patients to the general public.

The legalization of recreational marijuana was passed by Oregon voters in the November 2014 general election. A 10 percent sales tax from the city of Independence will be charged at the register beginning Thursday. A statewide sales tax will be charged beginning in January 2016.

For more information on recreational marijuana: whatslegaloregon.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities to conduct comprehensive evaluation of OHSU Nov. 2-4, 2015

As part of the regular accreditation cycle, Oregon Health & Science University will undergo a site visit by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Nov. 2-4, 2015. The visit is part of OHSU's Year Seven Evaluation, a comprehensive review of the university's compliance with accreditation standards. The NWCCU last reaffirmed OHSU's accreditation in 2012. OHSU received its initial regional accreditation in 1980. During its visit, the team will tour the OHSU campus, review documents and interview students, alumni, faculty, staff, leadership and members of the Board of Directors. The public is invited to submit written comments regarding OHSU's qualifications for accreditation. Comments must be in writing, signed and received by Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015 at the address below.

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David Harrison joined the family business of insurance sales at a young age before moving to Salem where he was hired as a Sales Manager with Advanced Selling Techniques. With additional training and a better understanding of the four simple steps in the sales process, he transitioned to the mortgage industry, including helping homeowners save their homes during the recession. Now a full time business coach, David specializes in effective sales training, coaching, and mentoring.

Cost per workshop: \$10 for MI Chamber members
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Sudoku

Difficulty: ★★★★★

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How to do Sudoku

Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.



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LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Stewart Baker will be published in the annual anthology, "L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of Tomorrow," after being selected as a first-place winner in the Writers of the Future contest.

WRITER OF THE FUTURE

Dallas author wins award for science fiction work

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — From Susan Cooper to J.R.R. Tolkien to Anne McCaffrey, the world of science fiction and fantasy has inspired Dallas author Stewart Baker since he was a young child to ask one simple question.

"In general, my ideas come from asking, 'what if ...?' questions and then coming up with people whose lives would be changed by them," Baker said.

Now, one "what if" has become reality.

Baker has been chosen as a quarterly winner from a group of eight finalists in the Writers of the Future Contest.

"To be honest, I was a little surprised," Baker said. "It was actually the last quarter I was eligible to enter and almost all my other entries to the contest were rejections. I found out I was a finalist when Joni Labaqui, the contest administrator,

gave me a phone call. My wife told me my phone was vibrating in the other room and I almost didn't bother answering it. Fortunately, she made me."

A few weeks later, Baker found out he had won first place.

"I'm honored that they chose my story, and thrilled," Baker said. "The way the judging works, only a few of the judges read stories each quarter, so I don't specifically know who read my entry, but to see names like Nnedi Okorafor and Nancy Kress and Larry Niven on there and know they might have chosen my story out of all the others is an amazing feeling."

His win earned him a cash prize, a trip to Hollywood for a week-long writing workshop, an awards ceremony and having his short story published in the annual anthology, "L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of Tomorrow."

The contest, now in its 32nd year, attracts entries

from around the world. Twelve quarterly winners are chosen, with first place entries earning \$1,000.

Of the four first-place winners, one will receive Author of the Year during the annual awards show, which comes with a \$5,000 prize.

Judges include several notable authors, including Orson Scott Card and Tim Powers.

The contest is open to any novice writer who has not professionally published more than three short stories or one novelette or novel.

Since his story is in contention for Author of the Year, Baker is unable to share the title or plot of his story, but he is already excited for what the future will hold and to see what his next "what if" will lead to.

"I'm working on a few short stories, including one that will be interactive (web-based, with elements the reader can change as they read), and I write haiku pretty regularly," Baker said.

Perrydale auction set Saturday

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

PERRYDALE — Perrydale will host its annual booster club auction and dinner Saturday evening at the Willows Events Center, 12455 Meyers Road in Dallas.

This year's auction includes a variety of items, from gift cards to art and everything in between.

The event begins at 4:30 p.m. for cocktails and a silent auction. Dinner, catered by Uncle Jack's BBQ from Amity, starts at 6, followed by a live auction.

Ticket sales were cut off on Tuesday, but booster club member Anna Scharf hopes the event will raise at least \$8,000.

"We do have a guided fishing trip, a beach house rental, a catered dinner for 10 to 12 people, wine tours, wine, and various gift certificates and gift baskets," Scharf said.

Raffle tickets for a trip to Hawaii will also be sold beginning the night of the auction until the final home varsity boys basketball game this winter. Tickets will cost \$20 each.

Money raised from the event will go toward the purchase of new uniforms and equipment for middle and high school athletics.

"The athletic director will guide us to where the need is the greatest this year," Scharf said. "I believe it is middle school girls basketball (right now)."

For more information: Anna Scharf, anna4perrydale@gmail.com.

Fall 2015

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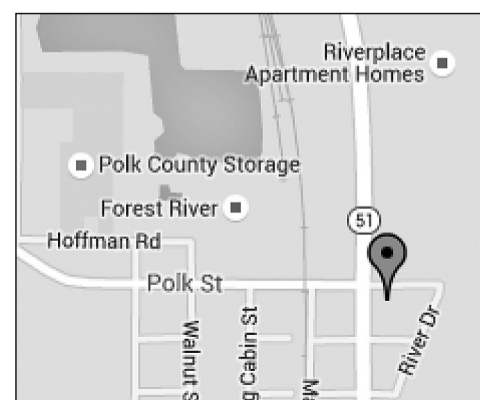


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OBITUARIES

Dale Albert Wood

April 7, 1937 – Sept. 20, 2015
Dale Albert Wood, 78, of Foster, died Sept. 20 in Albany following a four-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was born in Brainerd, Minn., to Loyd and Laura (Ellis) Wood. The family moved to Salem when he was 2 years old.

Dale graduated from North Salem High School in 1955, and from Oregon State College in 1960 with a degree in forest engineering. In 1960, he received his commission as a second lieutenant and served in the Oregon Army National Guard for eight years, retiring with the rank of captain.

He was hired as a forest engineer by Willamette National Lumber Company in Foster; the company later became Willamette Industries. Dale held a variety of positions during his 35-year tenure with the company and retired in 1995, as manager of Oregon logging operations for Willamette Industries.

Dale married Joan Louise Kleinke in December of 1963. He is a past master of Sweet Home Masonic Lodge No. 202 and is a life member of East Linn Masonic Lodge No. 44. Following retirement, he and Joan enjoyed motorhome trips to fish, hunt, and explore Oregon and the desert southwest. They hiked the Alps of Austria, Switzerland, France, Italy and Slovenia. Each winter they hiked the Grand Canyon.



For many years they maintained the U.S. Forestry Service Weideman Trail, a historic cattle drive route east of Sweet Home.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Joan Louise Wood, of Foster; daughters, Laurie Krei, of Pleasant Hill, and Sara (Gary) Bleggen, of Portland; sister, Karen (LeRoy) Rempel, of Dallas; one granddaughter; and extended family.

Celebration of life is Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Jim Riggs Community Center, 878 18th Ave., Sweet Home.

At his request, his cremains will be spread in the Cascades.

Contributions are suggested to Evergreen Samaritan Hospice, 1046 Sixth Ave. SW, Albany, OR 97321-1999.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel handled arrangements.

Mary Ellen Chisholm

July 8, 1918 – Sept. 23, 2015
Mary Ellen Chisholm, 97, of Lebanon, died Sept. 23.

Service is pending with Farnstrom Mortuary, Independence, 503-838-1414.

To share an online tribute: www.FarnstromMortuary.com.

James L. Pollard

June 18, 1926 – Sept. 19, 2015
James L. "Jim" Pollard, 89, of Dallas, died Sept. 19 in Salem.

He was born to John and Pricey Pauley in West Virginia and raised in Kentucky. He married Mary Jane in November of 1956, and they had five children.

Jim served in the Navy for 20 years, retiring in 1965. After serving in the military, the family moved to Tillamook County, where they lived for 20 years.

Jim worked for the Oregon State Department of Forestry before starting his company, Tillamook

Restoration. They also had a farm where they raised Murry Green Beef, and he taught his children the benefits of hard work. In 1986, they sold the farm and moved to Dallas.

His love for farming, making hay and growing vegetables filled his days. In time, they gave up the cattle business and started a U-pick of various fruits and vegetables, especially tomatoes. He enjoyed meeting different people who would come to pick, visiting with them and making new friends.

He provided much to the gleaners and many charitable organizations. His wit was quick, and he enjoyed making people smile wherever they were. Garage sales and auctions were a great joy to him too.

He was preceded in death by his four siblings and two children, Sandy and Cathy.

Survivors include his wife of more than 58 years, Mary Jane; children, Joe, of Washington, and Paul and Fran, both of Oregon; four grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Interment will be Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland. Celebration of his life is noon on Oct. 10 at the family farm in Dallas. Feel free to bring an artificial flower with your name on it as a lasting memorial.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

To send an online tribute: www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Saige Marie Selwyn

May 27, 2003 – Sept. 21, 2015
Saige Marie Selwyn, 12, of Grand Ronde, died Sept. 21. "Pooh Bear Saige" died from injuries received in a bike and auto accident.

She was born in Portland to Belinda Mercier, her birth mother, and adopted and raised by Anthony Allen and Marcella May Norwest Selwyn.

Saige had lived in Port-

land, Sheridan and Grand Ronde areas. For the past three years, she had attended West Valley Christian School in Grand Ronde.

She was ready to enter the seventh grade at Oregon Connections Academy. Saige was baptized into the Catholic Church on the Saturday before she died.

Saige was assertive in things she tried to achieve. She was a good student and earned As and Bs. She loved beading, making rubber band bracelets, sewing, dolls, teaching kids what she knew, dancing and pow-wows. She loved the elders of the tribe and always made sure to greet them. Saige also enjoyed taking a "selfie" with the police officers' phones.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Clifford W. Melborne.

Survivors include her parents, Tony and Marcella Selwyn; sisters, Mary Lopez and Codie Haller; brother, Youvani Ring; birth mother, Belinda; grandmother, Charlotte Melborne; and a large extended family.

Service was Monday at the Tribal Gym followed by vault interment at the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

To send an online tribute: www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

David Hunter

May 23, 1945 – Sept. 27, 2015
David Hunter, 70, of Dallas, died Sunday.

Service is Wednesday (today) at 11 a.m. at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center and interment will be at Dallas Cemetery.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

To send an online tribute: www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Lois May Anthony Northrup

Aug. 20, 1920 – Sept. 26, 2015
Lois May Anthony Northrup, 95, of Canby, formerly of Dallas, died Saturday in Canby.

She was born to Charles and May Anthony at the

family farm home in Golva, N.D.

Lois graduated from high school in Beach, N.D. In 1942, Lois married Lyle Weinreis in Carlyle, Mont. Lyle died while serving in World War II. They had a son, Robert.

Lois married Neil Northrop in Ollie, Mont., on May 3, 1947. Neil and Lois spent their first years of marriage around the Beach area where they farmed. In 1952, they moved to southern Oregon and later settled in Dallas, where they lived for more than 50 years raising their family.

Lois will always be remembered for her lovely smile. There are not many among us as kind, so thoughtful, and gracious as Lois. She touched the lives of everyone she met, inspiring each to live their lives a little more thoughtfully, a little more gently, a little less selfishly.

Lois will also be remembered for her hospitality, especially her home-cooked meals. Lois was a wonderful cook, seamstress, gardener but most of all, a wonderful mother and grandmother. She always looked forward to spending time with family and friends.

Lois moved from the family home on Hawthorne in 2002 to Dallas Retirement Village, where she resided for six years. Her family then relocated her to the Portland area to be closer to them.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Neil; sister, Violet Weinreis; and her son, Robert Weinreis. Survivors include her brothers, Leland Anthony (Louise), of Klamath Falls, and Harold, of White City; daughters, Pat Hoffman (Dale) and Judy Heinemann (Russ), all of Canby; sons, Richard (Carol), of Bend, and Paul (Kelly), of Lake Oswego; 16 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and extended family.

Celebration of life is Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center. Private interment will be at Restlawn Memory Gardens. Contributions are suggested to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave., Seventh Floor,

New York, NY 10001.

To send an online tribute: www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Patricia A. Reece

Oct. 2, 1936 – Sept. 28, 2015
Patricia A. Reece, 78, of Dallas died Monday in Salem.

Service is Sunday at 1 p.m. at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center. For service information: 503-623-2325.

Obituary Information

Obituary information must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the Monday before publication to be included in the newspaper.

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Information can be brought or mailed to the *Itemizer-ObsERVER*, 147 SE Court St., Dallas, OR 97338, or e-mailed to nadams@polkio.com.

For more information: Nancy Adams, 503-623-2373.

Firefighters wear pink for cancer awareness

POLK COUNTY — Firefighters with Polk County Fire District No. 1 and Dallas Fire & EMS will wear hot pink shirts to show their support for the fight against breast cancer during the first week of October.

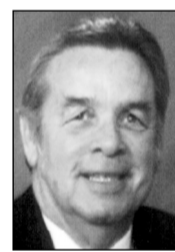
Personnel from both Polk Fire No. 1 and Dallas Fire & EMS are taking part in this fundraiser. Volunteers and employees of the agencies will purchase the custom shirts. Proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen organization.

The firefighters and paramedics expect to raise roughly \$700 for the organization.

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DOUGLAS LEE WARREN

Dec. 22, 1928 - Sept. 15, 2015



Douglas Warren died in his sleep at his Monmouth home on the morning of September 15, 2015. Douglas was born in Richmond, Virginia in 1928. He was the youngest of six children born to Ward and Ruth Peralta Warren. He retired from the Long Beach Navy Shipyard in 1984 where he worked as a Marine Machinist. In 1993 Douglas and his wife Romaine relocated from San Bernardino, California to Monmouth, Oregon where they have lived for the past twenty-two years. When Douglas settled in Monmouth he discovered that he had returned to his ancestral roots. His great-grandfather, Robert J. Hendricks, was an Oregon Pioneer who arrived in Oregon in 1852 and homesteaded a farm in Cooper Hollow a few miles southwest of Monmouth.

Douglas was seventeen when World War II ended, but he wanted to serve so he joined the U.S. Navy in December of 1945. He was discharged from the Navy in 1947 and attended a community college, studying mechanics. In 1949 he joined the U.S. Army and became a tank mechanic in the 2nd Infantry Division. In 1950 Douglas met and married Romaine, his wife of sixty-four years. Douglas was sent with his infantry division in 1951 to fight in the Korean War.

Douglas is survived by his wife Romaine, and three daughters, Diana Fowler of Rantoul, Illinois, Lin Kotiches of Running Springs, California and Kathy Ann Phillips of State College, Pennsylvania. Another daughter, Sandi Ogendahl preceded Douglas in death in 2012. Douglas is also survived by nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. He is also survived by an older brother, Donald Ward Warren of Fontana, California.

Memorial Services will be held on October 10, 2015 at 10:30 AM at Ash Creek Bible Church 1483 N. 16th Street, Monmouth, OR.

In lieu of flowers Romaine has asked that memorial donations be made to the Polk County Child Evangelism Fellowship, P.O. Box 425, Dallas, OR 97338.

LEOTTA ELAINE BUSH

July 16, 1927 - September 21, 2015

Leotta Elaine Bush, a resident of Yamhill, Oregon was born July 16, 1927 in McClay, Oregon, to Charles Henery and Lucy Mae Brendon. She was the 12th child born in a family of 12 children. Leotta was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband of 58 years, Treval Allen Bush; a daughter Elaine Yvonne Martin; 4 brothers, 5 sisters, 1 grandson and a great granddaughter. She is survived by 3 adult children, Cynthia Lee Bush (Randy), Craig Allen Bush (Julie), Barbara Ann Bush Mathews (Robert) also a foster daughter Donna Marie Perry Cabrara; 9 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren and 2 sisters Jessie Clayton and Pearl Embree.

Leotta loved her family and extended family, camping trips with children and grandchildren, family reunions and her flower gardens. She worked at Carlton Grade School for 24 years and was also a 4-H leader. So many things and people were always important in her life here on Earth. She will be greatly missed by all.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 2, at 1:00 PM at the chapel of Macy & Son with viewing on Thursday, October 1 from 4-7 PM at the Chapel. Interment will be held at the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery. A potluck will follow the interment at the American Legion Hall in Carlton.

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Air ambulance responds to wounded boy

Itemizer-Observer staff report

DALLAS — On Thursday at about 1:59 p.m., the Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to West Valley Hospital in Dallas on a report of a 2-year-old boy that had been brought in with a gunshot wound. Polk County deputies arrived at the hospital in Dallas and found

that the boy had been shot in the leg while at his home in the 2000 block of Mistletoe Road, just outside of Dallas, according to the sheriff's press release.

The parents of the child drove their injured son to the hospital instead of waiting for an ambulance. Due to the seriousness of the in-

jury the REACH air ambulance was called to transport the child to a Portland area trauma center.

During the investigation, deputies learned that the father of the child, 26-year-old Mark Toma, was cleaning several firearms and had left a loaded firearm on a coffee table in reach of

his son. It appears that the father stepped away for just a moment and when the father came back into the room his son had grabbed a hold of a .40 caliber handgun and pulled the trigger, according to the release. The bullet struck him in the leg and continued through his leg and

went into another room. No one was else injured. The boy has serious injuries, but is stable. The investigation is ongoing and no further information is available at this time.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office has partnered with "Project Child Safe," who has provided the sheriff's office

with free gun locks that can be given out to the public. If anyone wants or needs a gun lock, contact the Polk County Sheriff's Office and speak with Detective Sgt. Mark Garton. Project Child Safe has many resources available to the public and more information can be found at www.projectchildsafef.org.

POLICE REPORT

Information for the police report comes from law enforcement agencies. Not all calls for service are included. The status of incidents reported may change after further investigation. Individuals arrested or suspected of crimes are considered innocent until proven guilty.

DALLAS
Arrests/Citations

- Samuel L. Brendlinger, 35, of Salem on Orchard Drive on Sept. 22 on charges of failure to carry or present an operator's license and a failure to appear warrant.
- Carlos Castellano, 19, of Dallas in the 1300 block of Southeast Shelton Street on Sept. 23 on a probation violation.
- Juilian De La Cruz, 30, of Dallas in the 600 block of Main Street on Sept. 23 on a probation violation.
- Andrew M. Darrah, 38, of Newburg on Southeast Jefferson Street on Sept. 23 on a charge of failure to carry or present an operator's license.
- David W. Hattig, 61, of Dallas at the corner of Main and Washington streets on Thursday on a charge of misdemeanor driving under the influence of intoxicants.
- Dennis J. Bouchard, 62, of Dallas in the 300 block of Northeast Kings Valley Highway on Thursday on charges of misdemeanor driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

INDEPENDENCE
Arrests/Citations

- Jacobo Benigno Coronado,

41, of Independence, in the 100 block of I Street on Sept. 17 for second-degree robbery and menacing.

- Melody Christine Walton, 37, of Stayton, in the 100 block of South Main Street on Sept. 18 for physical harassment.
- Isaac J. McCormick, 32, of Independence, in the 200 block of Picture Street on Sept. 25 for third-degree sex abuse.

MONMOUTH
Arrests/Citations

- Thomas Jeffery Ahles, 30, of Falls City, in the 200 block of Monmouth Avenue South on Sept. 17 driving under the influence of intoxicants.
- Benjamin R. Hebert, 22, of Independence, at the corner of Main Street East and Pacific Highway South on Sept. 19 for driving under the influence of intoxicants.
- Jay Michael Leverett, 20, of Monmouth, in the 400 block of Main Street East on Sept. 20 for misrepresenting age by a minor.
- Tyler Ray Nelson, 23, of Monmouth, at the corner of Monmouth Avenue North and Jackson Street West on Sept. 20 giving false information to a police officer.
- Edgar Roberto Garibay, 23, of Salem, at the corner of Monmouth Avenue North and Whitesell Street West on Sept. 20 for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless endangering.
- Shawn Allen Anderson, 25, of Independence, at the corner of Monmouth Avenue North and Gentle Avenue West on Sept. 22 for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless endangering.

DA's office reviewing 29 cases

Itemizer-Observer staff report
POLK COUNTY — The Polk County District Attorney's Office is reviewing 29 cases that involved evidence processed by an Oregon State Police Bend Crime Lab forensic analyst who is now under criminal

investigation for mishandling evidence.

Cases go back to 2007, and the office has notified the defense attorneys who worked on the cases that are under review.

"I want any case that this particular analyst worked on

reviewed," Polk County District Attorney Aaron Felton said Monday. "We have an ethical obligation to do that."

Gov. Kate Brown has formed a committee to review practices and procedures at the crime lab in light of the possible mis-

handling of evidence.

Felton said he was encouraged by that.

"I am confident the members of the group appointed by Gov. Brown will address the concerns raised by the stakeholders in an open and meaningful manner," he said.

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Wine: Sun damage hits some vineyards

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A few stretches of extremely warm weather took a toll on the grapes, causing heat damage. Grapes suffering from heat damage shrivel up like raisins. Damaged grapes can go through fermentation, but give a bitter taste to wine.

Namaste was largely spared.

"Your fruit is really pristine, besides a little bit of heat damage," said Netanya Welch, the harvest crew leader from Amity-based Vitis Terra Vineyard Services, a vineyard management company.

She was helping at Namaste on Sept. 23. Welch picked through the harvested grapes, pulling leaves and tossing out clusters with too many raisin-like grapes.

"We've got a little bit, but nothing to cry over," Masciorini said.

Firesteed also had some slight sun damage, perhaps affecting 1 to 2 percent of the crop.

"It was the last round of days over 100 degrees," Croft said.

That's not true of every vineyard in 2015, though.

Welch said Vitis Terra works with 25 vineyards spread across the valley from Sherwood to Dallas to Dundee. She said some were experiencing more significant losses.

"That's a lot of money," she said. "It's damaging to your income."

Welch said a number of factors determine whether grapes will suffer from the sun, including row orientation, soil quality, access to water and timing.

"The grapes are the most susceptible to stress when they reach ... the beginning of veraison, that's wine speak for when they start to turn color," Welch said. "When they are first approaching veraison, when they are getting their first little bit of color, they are extremely susceptible to heat stress and sun damage, because this color is what protects them. It's like a tan."



A harvest crew works its way through the rows of Prosperity Pinot at Namaste Vineyards outside Dallas on the morning of Sept. 23. Namaste harvest began last week.



Sun damage, seen here, has affected the crop this year.

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lantly removing clusters with too much sun damage.

"I'm more picky than others," she said.

"With the flavors that we have on everything now, I would say it would be one of my best," Masciorini said, noting that may not be the case with all wineries. "The flavors in everything right now are just huge."

He will have to wait a year before getting a better idea what the true characteristics of the 2015 vintage will be, but for now, he's optimistic.

"I'm not worried, and I worry right up to day we pick," he said. "I couldn't be happier. It's a relief when it's coming off and it's nice."

Croft agreed.

"It will be a great year to be a wine drinker," he said. "If you see 2015 on the label, you can be confident you are going to like it."

District: SW Polk Fire board studying options

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Tax rates were then limited a 3 percent growth annually. With little or no development happening, the district has been existing on 3 percent increases in taxes while expenses have grown fast, Hertel said.

It's gotten to the point where SW Polk will burn through its reserves and



Hertel

have to cut already "bare bones" services without reducing expenditures through consolidation or finding another source of revenue, Hertel said.

Hertel took over as chief in Dallas and SW Polk in late 2013. It took him several months before he could evaluate SW Polk's financial standing, but when he did, he knew it wouldn't be long before the agency was in trouble.

About a year ago, Hertel broke the news to SW Polk's board.

"I think they knew they had a financial issue," he said. "I think they were surprised as to how far or how in depth it had grown."

Hertel has been doing his best to cut expenses — for example selling two fire engines and replacing them with one — but that will only go so far. Soon the agency will have to consider consolidation with other departments or putting a bond or levy on the ballot. Both would have to be approved by voters.

"I think I can keep this budget and this service level afloat for another year or two by continuing to make small cuts in expenses

and taking full advantage of resources we have," Hertel said. "After that, it will be cutting services until we can get one of those passed."

For several months, the board has been gathering information about consolidation and bonds or levies to decide which would be the best choice.

"I've got them educated as to where we are at, and we are trying figure out what the next step is," Hertel said. "It boils down to very limited options."

SW Polk's financial standing doesn't just impact the approximately 15,000 people living in its coverage area, including Rickreall and the areas outside Dallas and Falls City. The cities of Dallas and Falls City would be affected too, as the agency has service contracts with both, to the tune of \$248,000 and \$30,000, respectively. The Dallas contract pays for administrative services and assistance with emergency calls.

"If we lose that money coming into the city of Dallas, the citizens of Dallas would have to make that up, or we would have to cut services in the city of Dallas equivalent to that amount of money," Hertel said. "It's not just a SW Polk issue."

In the 2014-15 budget, the agency had \$75,000 in reserve to begin the year collected \$413,912 in taxes versus \$538,862 in expenses, illustrating the problem that has been brewing for years, even with lean fiscal management, Hertel said.

"It's very conservatively operated and it has been forever," Hertel said. "They are proud of that, the board is, and I think that is a great history to have, but it is not sustainable in the future."

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NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF HARRIET ANN MONAHAN aka H. ANN MONAHAN; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC DBA DITECH; JAMES ALVAREZ aka JAMES ALVAREZ; CLARK ALVAREZ; ALLYSON ALVAREZ; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY Defendants.

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sums:

Delinquent Payments: Dates: 3/1/2011 - 8/1/2015

No. Amount

Total: \$57,609.90

Late Charges: \$1,120.14

Beneficiary Advances: \$16,795.94

Foreclosure Fees and Expenses: \$1,263.98

Total Required to Reinstated: \$76,789.96

TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$203,451.94

By reason of the default, the

beneficiary has declared all

obligations secured by the Deed

of Trust, together with any

interest which the grantor or his

successors in interest acquired

after the execution of the Deed

of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing

obligations thereby secured and

the costs and expenses of sale,

including a reasonable charge

by the trustee. Notice is

further given that any person

named in ORS 86.778 has the

right to have the foreclosure

proceeding dismissed and the

Deed of Trust reinstated by

payment to the beneficiary of

the entire amount then due

(other than the portion of

principal that would not then

be due had no default occurred),

together with the costs, trustee's

and attorneys' fees, and curing

any other default complained of

in the Notice of Default by

tendering the performance

required under the Deed of

Trust at any time not later

than five days before the date

last set for sale. Without

limiting the trustee's disclaimer

of representations or warranties,

Oregon law requires the trustee

to state in this notice that some

residential property sold at a

trustee's sale may have been

used in manufacturing methampheta-

mine, the chemical components

of which are known to be toxic.

Prospective purchasers of

residential property should be

aware of this potential danger

before deciding to place a bid

for this property at the trustee's

sale. In construing this notice,

the masculine gender includes

the feminine and the neuter,

the singular includes plural,

the word "grantor" includes

any successor in interest to

the grantor as well as any

other persons owing an obligation,

the performance of which is

secured by the Deed of Trust,

the words "trustee" and "beneficiary"

include their respective successors

in interest, if any. Dated:

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(Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2015)

CITY OF DALLAS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Application: ZC 15-02

The Dallas City Council will

hold a public hearing on

Monday, October 5, 2015, at

7:00 p.m., in the Council

Chambers at City Hall, 187 SE

Court Street, Dallas, Oregon,

on the application of Trahan

Consulting, applicant, and

Oakdale Heights Phase 1, LLC,

owners, to consider a

Zone Change for property

located west of Ash Creek and

south of the terminus of SW

Hayer Street in Dallas, Oregon.

The application includes a

request to change the zoning

from Acreage Residential

(AR-5) and Industrial (I) to

Residential Low Density (RL).

The Planning Commission

will consider testimony which

addresses the applicable criteria

listed below. Testimony may

be submitted in writing to the

Dallas Community Development

Department, City Hall, Dallas,

Oregon 97338, or in writing or

orally at the public hearing. The

public hearing will be conducted

in a manner that permits

testimony from all interested

parties. All persons wishing to

testify must be recognized by the

Chair and will be given an opportunity

to be heard.

Written comments submitted

to the Community Development

Department by September 25,

2015, will be included with the

staff report. Written comments

submitted after that date will

be forwarded to the City Council

at the public hearing. The staff

report will be available for

inspection at the Community

Development Department at

least seven days prior to the

hearing. Copies of the staff

report, the application, and all

documents and evidence

submitted by or on behalf of

the applicant, and copies of

the applicable criteria are

available for inspection at the

Community Development

Department at no cost and

copies will be provided at a

reasonable cost. If any party

wishes additional documents

or evidence, the City Council

may allow a continuance or

leave the record open to

allow the parties a reasonable

opportunity to respond.

Dallas City Hall is handicapped-

accessible. Any requests for

accommodation should be

made at least 48 hours before

the meeting to the Community

Development Department, 503-831-3565

or TDD 503-623-7355.

Failure of an issue to be

raised in a hearing, in person

or by letter, or failure to

provide statements or evidence

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU

Smith Fine Arts Series returns to Western Oregon University on Friday for 39th season

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-ObsERVER

MONMOUTH — It's that time of year again, when world-class music and dance comes to the Western Oregon University campus, bringing a level of performances not usually offered in Polk County.

The 39th season of the Smith Fine Arts Series offers a lineup of six events, kicking off on Friday with Groove for Thought.

The annual series attracts members of the community, students, staff and faculty. One act, dance troupe BodyVox, scheduled for Jan. 8, 2016, will likely bring Portlanders down to Monmouth, Coker said.

"They tour the world," he said. "Most of their performances are not in Oregon, even though they are Portland based. It's rare to get to see BodyVox in the state."

Coker starts lining up acts for the Smith Fine Arts Series more than a year ahead of time, and it's lucky he does. A couple of his acts would be too expensive if he tried to book them now, he said.

Sean Jones, who wraps up the series on June 3, 2016, is one of those.

"I managed to get him on the series about a year ago," Coker said. "Since then, his career has skyrocketed. I'd never be able to get him

If You Go ...

What: 39th season of the Edgar H. Smith Fine Arts Series.

Where: Western Oregon University, 345 N. Monmouth St., Monmouth.

When: Friday, Oct. 2 (Grove for Thought); Friday, Oct. 9 (3 Leg Torso); Friday, Jan. 9, 2016 (Rainbow Dance Theatre); Friday, Jan. 8, 2016 (BodyVox); Friday, Jan. 15, 2016 (Ten Strings And A Goat Skin); Friday, April 8, 2016 (Sara Gazarek and the American Metropole Orchestra); and Friday, June 3, 2016 (Sean Jones with the Western Hemisphere Orchestra).

Of note: All performances start at 7:30 p.m. and take place in Rice Auditorium on the WOU campus.

Tickets: Season tickets for all seven shows are \$119 for adults and \$52 for students. You can also choose five-show packages (\$99 adults, \$42 students). Individual performance tickets are \$25 in advance and \$29 at the door. Student tickets are \$11 per show.

For more information: 503-838-8333; email to fin-eart@wou.edu; online at www.wou.edu/sfa.



SMITH FINE ARTS SERIES/for the Itemizer-ObsERVER
Groove for Thought will take the stage at Rice Auditorium on Friday at 7:30 p.m. to kick off the 2015-16 Smith Fine Arts Series. The seven singers combine the swinging style of The Manhattan Transfer with the smooth sounds of Take 6.

Groove for Thought, Oct. 2

The seven singers of Groove for Thought have been blowing audiences away for longer than 15 years. Performing classic tunes in a jazz style unlike anything you've ever heard, the group combines the swinging style of The Manhattan Transfer with the smooth sounds of Take 6. Groove for Thought is proud to announce the release of their latest recording, *Unnecessary Dissonance*.

Together since 2000, Groove for

Thought began as a group of friends that got together weekly in their living rooms to sing a style of music that went above and beyond what was possible in their college jazz choirs.

Many of the members of Groove are experienced music teachers, and all members have ties to the rich jazz education tradition of the Pacific Northwest.

Groove for Thought has toured extensively throughout North America

and Europe, sharing their unique brand of music with school, concert, nightclub, and festival audiences alike. Performance highlights include many of the finest jazz festivals in the United States including the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, the University of Northern Colorado/Greeley Jazz Festival, and the Gold Company Invitational.

Groove For Thought hopes to continue to inspire audiences with their fun and uplifting music.



SMITH FINE ARTS SERIES/for the Itemizer-ObsERVER
3 Leg Torso promises an eclectic synthesis of chamber music, tango, klezmer, latin and Roma (Gypsy) music. The group performs Oct. 9 at Rice Auditorium.

3 Leg Torso, Oct. 9

3 Leg Torso formed in 1996 as a violin, cello and accordion trio with the mission of creating original modern chamber music for their unique instrumentation.

The quintet now performs original compositions based on an eclectic synthesis of chamber music, tango, klezmer, latin, and Roma (Gypsy) music.

As principal composers, founding members Béla R. Balogh (violin and trumpet) and Courtney Von Drehle (accordion) provide the core of 3 Leg Torso's sound. They are joined by veteran percussionist/mallet player Gary Irvine, the consummate mallets/percussion of T.J. Arko, and the gentleman of the acoustic bass, Mike Murphy.



SMITH FINE ARTS SERIES/for the Itemizer-ObsERVER
BodyVox, a Portland dance troupe, performs on Jan. 8, 2016. The group seldom performs in Oregon, so local fans will likely flock to Monmouth to see the show.

BodyVox, Jan. 8, 2016

BodyVox, currently in its 17th season, has toured extensively throughout the U.S. as well as Canada, Mexico, Europe, Japan and India. Based in Portland, and founded by Emmy Award-winning choreographers Jamey Hampton and Ashley Roland, BodyVox has developed eight award winning films, 20 evening length shows and three operas, featuring nearly 200 original dances.

The dance troupe has three different productions available year-round and includes outreach in all of its touring.

Ten Strings and a Goat Skin, Jan. 15, 2016

Members of Ten Strings And A Goat Skin, a bilingual band hailing from Prince Edward Island, Canada, are having the time of their lives as a trad/folk/fusion trio.

Weaving the music of the Irish, Acadian, Francophone and Maritime cultures and their original creations with modern and world rhythms, Ten Strings And A Goat Skin have created a fiery, contagious and unique sound that has them in demand and touring extensively throughout Canada, the United States and Europe.

Jesse, Rowen and Caleb highly respect the traditions of the music they play but are riding the wave that is redefining the roots of that music.

Their original material maintains solid traditional elements, but explores rich world flavors and textures. The results have been described as intoxicating and refreshing.



SMITH FINE ARTS SERIES/for the Itemizer-ObsERVER
Ten Strings and a Goat Skin hails from Canada, and will perform at WOU on Jan. 15, 2016.

Sean Jones and the Western Hemisphere Orchestra, June 3, 2016

Music and spirituality have always been fully intertwined in the artistic vision of trumpeter, composer, educator and activist Sean Jones. Singing and performing as a child with the church choir in his hometown of Warren, Ohio, Sean switched from the drums to the trumpet upon his first exposure to Miles Davis at the age of 10.

Heavily involved in education, Sean has recently joined the Berklee College of Music's distinguished faculty as the Chair of the Brass Department. He has also taught at Duquesne University in his adopted hometown of Pittsburgh and at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, while regularly offering master classes and clinics all around the world. Sean also serves as Artistic Director of both the Pittsburgh and Cleveland Jazz Orchestras and is working toward organizing the various Jazz orchestras all over the country. Sean is current Artist-in-Residence at San Francisco Performances and is a member of The SF JAZZ Collective.



COURTESY OF SMITH FINE ARTS SERIES
Sean Jones will close the series in June.



COURTESY OF SMITH FINE ARTS SERIES
Sara Gazarek will sing April 8, 2016.

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Help clean up Polk roads on Saturday

The Polk County Public Works Department will host an Adopt-A-Road cleanup day on Saturday. As many as 60 different groups that have adopted roads throughout the county will be participate.

Groups who are active members of the Adopt-A-Road program are asked to pick up their supplies the week before the event. Disposal bags and safety equipment will be provided at that time.

To become an active member of the program, applications are available on the Polk County website www.co.polk.or.us, or call 503-623-9287.

Felines fundraiser slated for Saturday

Salem Friends of Felines will host its 10th annual fundraising auction from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday at the Oregon State Fairgrounds, Cascade Hall, 2330 17th St. NE, Salem.

The event is for those aged 21 and older and costs \$40. All proceeds benefit cats in the Marion and Polk county communities.

Hearty appetizers, beverages and live music by Little Hickory Band will accompany a silent auction.

Salem Friends of Felines is a nonprofit, no-kill cat rescue group helping both humans and felines in Marion and Polk counties.

Last year, more than 1,200 cats were placed into homes through the group's adoption program. In addition to trap, neuter and return programs, the group helps cat owners get access to low-cost spay or neutering services, as well as other medical needs for cats.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.sfof.org or at the thrift store/adoption center in Salem, 980 Commercial St. SE.

Flea market at Rickreall Grange

Rickreall Grange will host a Country Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the Grange Hall, 280 Main St. (99W), Rickreall.

A variety of vendors will offer a large assortment of items, both new and slightly used — including some collectibles. Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase.

For more information: Blanche Pryor, 503-623-8289.

Hosing it down



EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-Observer
Volunteer firefighter Carlo Calabrese, left, helps Kami-Lea Barggraf, 7, of Independence take a turn using a fire hose during the Polk County Fire No. 1's open house on Saturday. Attendees had the chance to meet firefighters, ride an engine and tour an air ambulance.

Exhibit merges photos and poetry

The Cannon Gallery of Art at Western Oregon University presents Black & White & Read, an ekphrastic exhibition featuring photographs of women and poems written in response to those photos.

The exhibit includes the varied work of 16 photographers and 15 poets.

It is on view at the gallery from Thursday through Oct. 30, with an opening reception from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday (today).

Many of the artists and poets will be at the free reception to answer questions and discuss their works.

The gallery is at Campbell Hall, 345 Monmouth Ave., Monmouth.

For more information: 503-838-8607.

Nominees sought for RFL honor

American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Polk County is seeking letters of bravery about women who have fought or are fighting the cancer battle. Three women will be honored at the "Total Woman" event on Feb. 26 and 27, 2016 hosted by Relay for Life of Polk County at The Majestic in Dallas.

The event will feature

vendors, crafters and on-site massages, fashion show and informative presentations on cancer awareness and prevention.

Nominations letters can be sent to: Relay for Life of Polk County-Nominations, P.O. Box 631, Dallas, OR 97338.

Email questions to: 2015 relayforlifepc@gmail.com; subject: Nomination.

WVHA's hosts party for Jennings

Linda Jennings, West Valley Housing Authority's executive director, is retiring Wednesday (today) after 25 years at this agency.

WVHA will hold a retirement open house for Jennings Wednesday (today) at the agency's Dallas office, 204 SW Walnut St., from 2 to 4 p.m.

The public is welcome to come and give her their best wishes and to say good-bye. She has been the executive director since 2005.

Learn more about preparedness

Monmouth Public Library will host an American Red Cross preparedness workshop at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the library, 168 Ecols St. S.

American Red Cross vol-

unteers will present on disaster preparedness, covering disasters that can occur in our geographic area and the three essentials of being informed, making a plan and building a kit.

For more information: 503-838-1932.

Uganda choir to perform on Friday

The children's Ugandan choir Imani Milele, meaning "everlasting faith," will perform at 6:30 p.m. on Friday at First Christian Church, 1079 SE Jefferson St., in Dallas.

The choir will perform traditional African dance songs and drum routines.

The event is free, but donations will be accepted. The choir is touring to raise money to help other needy orphans and vulnerable children in Africa.

For more information: Joy Dull, 503-409-4292.

Benefit to help build Liberia library

A fundraiser at Dairy Queen in Monmouth will benefit Palmfield Christian School in Monrovia, Liberia, to help build a library.

From 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, a portion of the sales will help the school buy bookcases and books.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Calendar is a listing of upcoming events taking place in Polk County that are open to the public. To submit an event for calendar consideration, please send it at least two weeks before the actual event date to the Itemizer-Observer via fax (503-623-2395) or email (ionews@polkio.com).

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30

- **Willamette Valley Food Assistance Program Food Bank** — 1:30 to 6:30 p.m., 888 Monmouth Cutoff Road, Building E, Dallas. Weekly distribution for eligible community members. 503-831-5634.
- **Yoga in the Hopyard** — 6 p.m., Rogue Farms Micro Hopyard, 3590 Wigrich Road, Independence. Offered on the last Wednesday of every month. Free; bring your own yoga mat. 503-838-9813.
- **Helping Hands Emergency Food Bank** — 10 a.m. to noon, Monmouth Christian Church, 959 Church St. W., Monmouth. For eligible community members; available every Wednesday. 541-404-6517.
- **Brew and BS** — 7 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Free. Bring your own brew — beer, coffee, tea, cider, wine. Moderated discussions on topics of religion and science. 503-831-5593.

THURSDAY, OCT. 1

- **James2 Community Kitchen Meal** — 4:30 to 6 p.m., Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas. Free; everyone welcome. 503-623-8429.
- **Dallas Lions Club** — 11:30 a.m., Hong Kong Restaurant, 325 Main St., Dallas. Everyone welcome. 503-931-9860.
- **Monmouth-Independence Rotary Club** — Noon, First Baptist Church, 1505 Monmouth St., Independence. Visiting Rotarians, guests and prospective Rotarians are welcome to these luncheon meetings. Free. 503-838-4884.
- **Dementia Support Group** — 9:30 a.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. A group for people coping with a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. 503-838-5678.

FRIDAY, OCT. 2

- **Altered Attitudes Alcoholics Anonymous** — Noon, Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas. 503-399-0599.
- **Guthrie Park Acoustic Music Jam Session** — 7 to 10 p.m., Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas. Free (donations accepted). 503-623-0809.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

- **The Original Independence Farmers Market** — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Umpqua Bank parking lot, 302 S. Main St., Independence. 503-881-9950.
- **Independence Riverview Market** — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Riverview Park and Amphitheater, 50 C St., Independence. 503-910-8193.
- **Polk Community Free Clinic** — 7 to 11 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas. Free medical and mental health care for uninsured and underinsured. Held on the first and fourth Saturday of the month. 503-990-8772.
- **Monmouth Senior Center All-You-Can-Eat Community Breakfast** — 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. Cost: \$6, adults; \$3, children younger than 12. 503-838-5678.
- **Rickreall Grange Flea Market** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rickreall Grange Hall, 280 Main St. (99W), Rickreall. Multiple vendors. Also selling fresh-baked goods. Kitchen serving breakfast and lunch. 503-623-8289.

SUNDAY, OCT. 4

- **Polk Flea Market** — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall. Admission: \$1; children 12 and younger, free. Early admission from 6 to 9 a.m. is \$5. 503-428-8224.
- **From the Heart Community Sing** — 1:30 to 3 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Free singing lessons; all ages are welcome. 503-559-5205.
- **Rickreall Grange Flea Market** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rickreall Grange Hall, 280 Main St. (99W), Rickreall. Multiple vendors. Also selling fresh-baked goods. Kitchen serving breakfast and lunch. 503-623-8289.

MONDAY, OCT. 5

- **Central Lions Club** — Noon, Independence Elks Lodge 1950 Dining Room, 289 S. Main St., Independence. 503-606-2150.
- **Willamette Valley New Horizons Orchestra** — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Central High School band room, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence. Local orchestra for beginning through intermediate musicians. Meets every Monday. Players of all levels welcome. \$25 monthly fee to cover expenses. 503-838-4884.

TUESDAY, OCT. 6

- **James2 Community Kitchen Meal** — 4:30 to 6 p.m., St. Philip Catholic Church, 825 SW Mill St., Dallas. Free; everyone welcome. 503-623-8429.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

- **Willamette Valley Food Assistance Program Food Bank** — 1:30 to 6:30 p.m., 888 Monmouth Cutoff Road, Building E, Dallas. Weekly distribution for eligible community members. 503-831-5634.
- **Scrabble with Betty** — 1 p.m., Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St., Independence. Scrabble games first Wednesday of every month. Free; refreshments and prizes available. 503-551-7687 or 503-838-1811.
- **Yarning for Others** — 3 to 5 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Knitters and crocheters gather to make clothing and accessories for those in need on the first Wednesday of every month. 503-689-7222.
- **Helping Hands Emergency Food Bank** — 10 a.m. to noon, Monmouth Christian Church, 959 Church St. W., Monmouth. For eligible community members; available every Wednesday. 541-404-6517.
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LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS

950 Main St. • 503-623-2633
www.ci.dallas.or.us/library

- Thursday, Oct. 1, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. — Lego building time (Every Thursday).
- Saturday, Oct. 3, 3:30 p.m. — Children's movie event: Animated movie about a monkey on a space mission gone awry. Doors open at 3:20 p.m. Event is free.

INDEPENDENCE

175 Monmouth St.
503-838-1811
www.ci.independence.or.us/library

- Wednesday, Sept. 30, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
- Wednesday, Sept. 30, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Español.

- Thursday, Oct. 1, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.
- Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m. — Ancestry.com workshop.
- Wednesday, Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
- Wednesday, Oct. 7, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Español.
- Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty (adults).

MONMOUTH

168 S. Ecols St. • 503-751-0182
www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

- Tuesday, Sept. 29, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for tots (story time for babies and toddlers).
- Thursday, Oct. 1, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-

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Spiders earn keep as pest control

In corners and along baseboards, on ceilings and spun between shrubs, spiders crawl through our lives this time of year.

"Spiders are on the move right now because they're looking for a mate," according to Gail Langellotto, an entomologist with Oregon State University's Extension Service.

"The domestic house spider is one that regularly makes its way into houses in fall and if you haven't seen one in the past, it can be a startling sight," she said. "If you include their legs, they're about as big as a silver dollar."

OSU Extension Master Gardeners have been getting questions about whether there are more spiders this year and if they're bigger, Langellotto said.

"There aren't more spiders than usual and they aren't larger," she said. "Most likely, you're just seeing a species you haven't seen in the past."

Langellotto recognizes the fear some people have toward spiders but points out they have attributes, including their fascinating process of spinning beautiful webs and their predatory nature, which are important tools in the garden.

"Plus, they're just cool and awesome," she said. "They don't feed on plants; they catch and kill things. They are natural pest controls. I hope people will learn you don't have to be afraid of them. If you have room in your heart and garden, don't try to kill them with pesticides."

Even if you can't bring yourself to like spiders, keep in mind they aren't easily killed by pesticides. The amount and concentration



KYM POKORNY
Your Garden

needed is often higher than what's necessary to kill insects, which poses greater risk to humans, Langellotto said. If they're inside, sweep them up and escort them outside. In the garden, just leave them be and they'll eventually make supper of each other or get eaten by reptiles and birds.

For people who want to encourage spiders — and Langellotto acknowledges that doesn't apply to everyone — she recommends adding more trees, shrubs and perennials to provide anchor points for web-building spiders to spin their webs.

Spiders spin different types of webs, she said. Some build funnel webs, while others make sheet webs. Some have combs on their hind legs that they use to "back comb" silk and make a messy-looking tangle web.

But it's the classic orb weavers that people associate with spiders. They dispense strands of silk, which fly through the air, hit something and stick. Then the spider starts to fill in the middle, creating the intricate, lacelike webs that trap prey so efficiently. Although the silk is stronger than steel in terms of mass, and more flexible than a rubber band, it's not difficult to swipe webs away as you walk through the garden.

Of the 700 to 800 species of spiders in Oregon, only the black widow has the potential to cause serious



OSU EXTENSION/for the Itemizer-Observer
The garden spider is a common sight in the outdoors.

harm to humans. This spider is found in the drier areas of southern Oregon and east of the Cascades more commonly than in the Willamette Valley. Hobo spiders, research shows, are not poisonous to humans, but their bite may cause pain, redness and itching. Poisonous brown recluse spiders do not live in Oregon, according to Langellotto.

Hobo spiders and house spiders (both in the genus *Eratigena*) look so similar that experts need a microscope to tell them apart. Both are medium brown with a lighter chevron on their upper abdomens. They are usually found in dimly lit areas like boxes, closets, storage areas and wood-piles.

Another common spider, the yellow and black garden spider (*Argiope aurantia*) can be seen outside where it often sits conspicuously in its orb web in open spaces waiting for prey.

In contrast to the garden spider, black widows (*Latrodectus* spp.) build messy, mesh-type webs in out-of-the-way spots. Females have

a glossy black body with a distinctive red hourglass on the bottom of their rotund abdomens. Male widows are more drab, slender and smaller.

If you're interested in having a spider identified, bring it into your local OSU Extension office. Make sure the spider is dead; kill them by placing in a container and putting it in the freezer.

"Spiders are not going to seek you out to bite you," Langellotto said. "They tend to be shy and not aggressive. If you don't bother them, they won't bother you."

If you want to avoid bothering them, here are Langellotto's recommendations for keeping spiders at bay:

Wear gloves, pants and a long-sleeved shirt when handling firewood or stored boxes where spiders may have built funnel-shaped nests.

Seal holes around doors, windows and outlets for plumbing and wiring where spiders can find entry into the house.

Sweep webs from corners, rock walls and under eaves. Repeat as necessary.

Keep porch lights switched off as much as possible to keep from attracting flying insects that make good prey for spiders. Or switch to yellow bulbs, which attract fewer night-flying insects.

Place simple cardboard sticky traps (without the use of insecticide spray) along baseboards and bed frames where wandering spiders tend to move.

Keep vegetation near house mowed or trimmed.

BIRTHS

Gonzalez

Cristian Lucas Gonzalez was born to Eduardo Gonzalez and Irene Rodriguez, of Monmouth, at 7:53 a.m. on Sept. 10 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Cristian joins Sophia, 8, Eduardo, 5, and Abraham, 3. Grandparents are Felipe and Norma Rodriguez, of Independence; and Sabas Arenas-Gonzalez and Leticia Rios, of Independence.

Great-grandfather is Joseph Delgado, of Monmouth.

Loewen

Tucker William Loewen was born to Michael and Elise Loewen, of Dallas, at 4:42 a.m. on Sept. 19 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

He weighed 7 pounds, and was 20 inches long.

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MI TOWN

With a simple turn of the calendar page tomorrow, it's a new month and — let's face it — a new season. No matter how much we want to cling to summer's last remnants, Miss Autumn is here in all her glory, and we'll have to depend upon the photographs, memories and souvenirs to remind us of those endless days of warmth and sunshine as we welcome cool mornings and crisp evenings to MI Town.

Our gardens are in need of clearing and cleaning up at this time of year, and it's with mixed emotions that we dug out the squash plants the other day and added them to the compost area. There are only so many ways to cook zucchini, and I'm sure they were all tried



PATTY TAYLOR DUTCHER
Columnist

during the last several weeks. The tomatoes are still looking good, though, and if Jack Frost will stay away for a little while, we can enjoy them fresh from the vine. I've found that putting green tomatoes in sunny windowsills helps them ripen, and with any luck we'll enjoy them for some time to come.

Thanks to Jolene Guzman's article on preparing for emergency conditions — specifically the 9.0 Cascadia subduction earthquake that

is inevitable — it gives us all a kick-start reminder to get back to preparing supplies, foods, clothing and all those necessary items to keep our households going when all the city, county and state services won't be available. It's pretty easy to put together a container of Band-Aids, a wind-up radio and a couple jugs of water and call it "good," but we need to be ready for more than a couple bumps and bruises, or water to drink for a day or two.

When we're clearing out an area for our emergency supplies, it gives us the opportunity and perhaps the incentive to pack up all those items that we are never going to use again and donate them to organiza-

tions that can give them to people in need. You'll get a tax donation, and it will feel good to discover and use that extra space in your garage or storage area.

Mark your calendars for this Saturday for the monthly community breakfast from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. at the Monmouth Senior Center. Friendly faces and happy cooks will serve a hearty breakfast consisting of sausage, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy on the first Saturday of every month. The price is right: \$6 for adults and children older than 12, \$3 for children younger than 12. It's a great way to begin a Saturday for busy people of all ages and a chance to visit with old and new acquaintances.

PEDEE NEWS

Marge Robertson's grandson, Josh Robertson, of Pedee, recently got engaged to Sarah Fast, of Dallas. Josh works for the city of Corvallis, and Sarah teaches ceramics at Dallas High School. They plan to get married on Dec. 19 in Dallas and then live there.

Dorothy McBeth celebrated her 94th birthday on Sept. 20 with a birthday party at the clubhouse. The place was full as friends and relatives came from near and far to wish her a happy birthday. Some people she hadn't seen in years, so it was a happy event for her. This was her second birthday party last week.

Since the weather for the second weekend in September looked pretty good, June



ARLENE KOVASH
Columnist

Clark took off on her motorcycle-sidecar rig to pick up motorcycle club checkpoints. Down to Toledo for checkpoint, Newport for fabric, Yachats for checkpoint, Florence for fabric, Coos Bay for the evening and breakfast at her favorite place. Then off for the last checkpoint at a meat market and cafe in Cave Junction and a quick return up Interstate 5. Can you tell she's a quilter as well as a motorcyclist?

Judy Guida and a friend

took an Alaskan cruise from Sept. 12 to 19. The weather was beautiful up there, too, so they were able to take side trips to see glaciers and other unique Alaskan sights. They went to a salmon barbecue one day, and as they were eating (inside), a good-sized bear was cleaning the grill, and not with a wire brush, either.

Juaneane and Skid Skidmore's daughter Teresa Furutani came up from Los Angeles to spend four days with them. Among other things, Jeaneane and Teresa tried out a new recipe for truffles, which will possibly be included in the Pedee Women's Club candy inventory for their Holiday Fair the second Saturday in November. Club members started making their candy

this week for the event.

This Saturday, Pedee Church is sponsoring a community cider-making party at the church at 2 p.m. Bring clean apples (if you've got them), minus the worms, and some containers for cider. We'll have a potluck meal to share and press apples until we run out.

Norm and Donna Baldwin's missionary daughter, Suzy Balwin-Noutehou, and her husband, Fidel, have been home on furlough since May and returned to Benin, Africa, last week. This was Fidel's first trip to the U.S., and he got the grand tour since they spoke at churches in several states. They are missionaries to the Pendjari region of Benin.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30
Boys soccer: Scappoose at Dallas, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 1
Volleyball: Central at South Albany, 6 p.m. Woodburn at Dallas, 6 p.m. C.S. Lewis at Falls City, 5:30 p.m. Livingstone at Perrydale, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 2
Football: Crescent Valley at Central, 7 p.m. South Albany at Dallas, 7 p.m. Falls City at Mapleton, 7 p.m. Perrydale at South Wasco County, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3
Cross-country: Central, Dallas at Harrier Classic, 9:30 a.m.

Football: Western Oregon at Portland State, 2:05 p.m.
Volleyball: Perrydale at Amity Tournament, 8 a.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 5
Boys soccer: Central at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Girls soccer: Dallas at Central, 6 p.m.
Volleyball: Dallas at Central, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 6
Boys soccer: South Albany at Central, 6 p.m. Dallas at Woodburn, 6 p.m.

Girls soccer: Central at South Albany, 6 p.m. Woodburn at Dallas, 4 p.m.
Volleyball: Falls City at Jewell, 5:30 p.m. Perrydale at Crosshill Christian, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7
Cross-country: Central at Mid-Willamette 4-Way, at Avery Park, Corvallis, TBA.

Volleyball: Central at Crescent Valley, 6 p.m. Dallas at South Albany, 6 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

Youth wrestling registration

DALLAS — Registration for the Dallas Mat Club and LaCreole wrestling team will be on Oct. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. at LaCreole Middle School.

Dallas Mat Club is open to wrestlers in grades 1-5. Cost is \$100 and includes a USA Wrestling card and T-shirt. Practices begin Nov. 17 at Dallas High.

The LaCreole wrestling team is open to students in grades 6-8. Cost is \$125 and includes a USA Wrestling card and a T-shirt. Practices begin Nov. 2 at LaCreole.

For more information: dallasmatclub@gmail.com or lacreolewildcatwrestling@gmail.com.

Youth wrestling camp coming

DALLAS — A youth wrestling camp will be offered the last two Tuesdays and Thursdays in October at Dallas High School.

Cost is \$20 per camper and includes a tournament entry on Oct. 31 and a T-shirt.

Registration will be held Oct. 20 at Dallas High at 6 p.m.

Practices will be held Oct. 20, 22, 27 and 29 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. during the camp.

For more information: Tony Olliff, tony.olliff@dsd2.org.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Tallon hopes to provide spark for Dallas



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Dallas junior forward Stefani Tallon looks to get past a Gresham defender on Thursday afternoon.

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — During the first half of a 2-1 loss to Gresham, Dallas' girls soccer team looked sluggish. Junior Stefani Tallon wasn't going to let that continue.

Tallon spurred her team on, shouting encouragement and urging her teammates to communicate.

The difference in halves was night and day.

The Dragons had several scoring opportunities — and cashed in on one opportunity.

"I think the biggest thing is there's contagious energy whenever you start playing together," Tallon said.

New beginning

• Dallas' girls soccer team lost to Century 1-0 and Gresham 2-1 to end its non-league season.

• The Dragons (1-6 overall) play at Central Monday at 6 p.m. to open Mid-Willamette Conference play.

"When one player starts playing with energy, it's easier to get the whole team together."

The junior forward showed why she can be that spark.

When Tallon began her high school career with Dal-

las, she saw the beginnings of a successful run with her teammates, many of whom had played together growing up.

The Dragons have found levels of success, but the path hasn't been ideal.

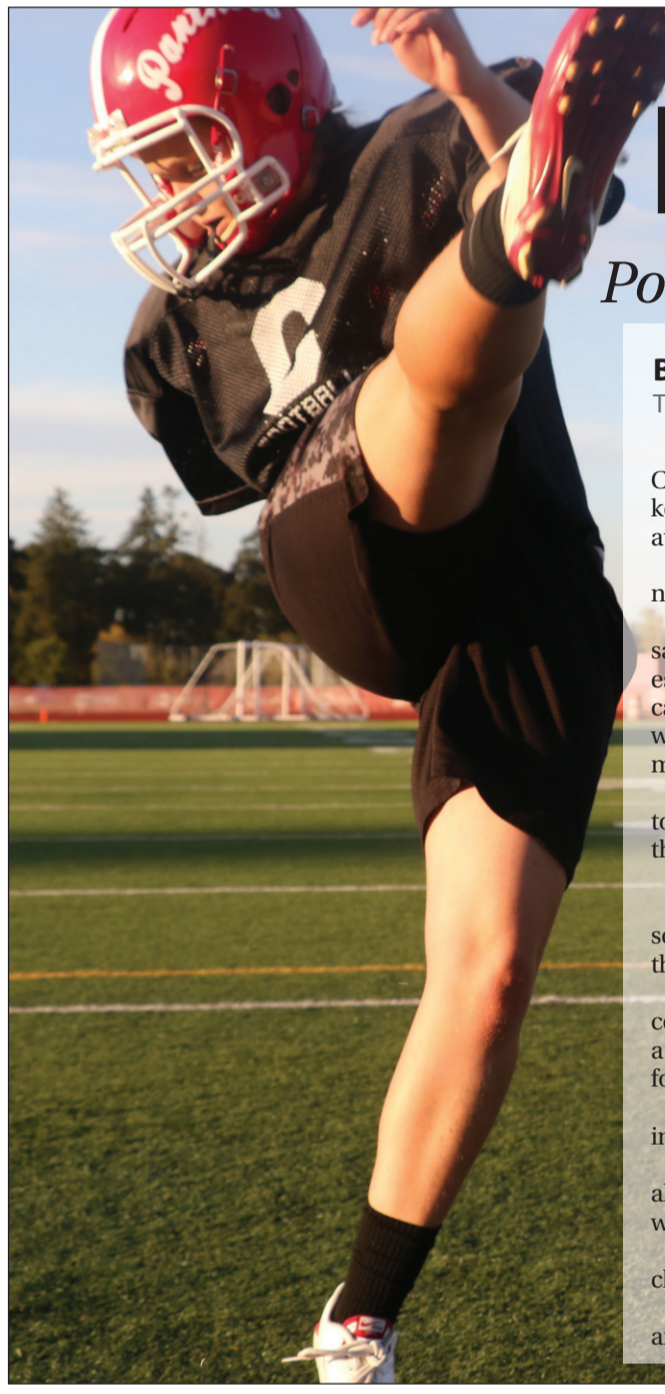
"This is my third year and my third coach," Tallon said. "That transition is always hard. I think we had trust issues as a team."

This year, the girls aren't just playing for personal statistics. They're out to prove to themselves they can overcome whatever situation comes their way.

"We want to be successful so badly for each other," Tallon said.

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PREP FOOTBALL



Best foot forward

Powder puff inspires senior to play football

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Throughout her life, Central senior Reba Hoffman has always kept herself busy, from track and field to theater.

On her long list of interests, football was never among her favorites.

"I never really liked football," Hoffman said. "The last few years, I see that it's interesting, I guess. I love high school games because I love being in the student section, but watching on TV has never been exciting for me."

That all began to change in 2014. Thanks to an unexpected event, Hoffman is more than a fan — she's part of the team.

Prior to the 2014-15 school year, high school football games was as much about the social aspect as it was the game itself.

It was during the school's annual Homecoming powder puff game that Hoffman, as a running back, got her first taste of playing football.

Much to her surprise, Hoffman took a liking to a sport she'd never considered before.

"Last year during powder puff, I had a really good time," Hoffman said. "I said, 'Hey, I wonder if this could be an option for real.'"

The thought intrigued her, but one obstacle remained.

"It was hard at first because I'm coming in and I've never played football before," Hoff-

Bringing the 'D'

• Central's football team defeated Dallas 8-0 on Friday night.

• Running back Alvin Berroa scored the game's lone touchdown in the second quarter.

• The Panthers held Dallas to 29 yards of total offense.

man said.

She had a basic understanding of the game thanks to powder puff, but that was the full extent of her football knowledge.

It was time for a crash course.

"I watched a lot of football and listened," Hoffman said. "I asked a lot of questions to my friends, and they'd answer my questions."

Near the end of the 2014-15 school year, Hoffman approached Panthers football coach Shane Hedrick about trying out for the team. Hedrick was more than open to the idea.

"There's not a female issue there," Hedrick said. "She's another player and we'll go to battle with her every day."

Hoffman knew she was at a unique disadvantage coming into the season, but not because of her gender.

Hoffman had to learn a position — and learn it fast.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Senior keeping the focus on fun

Kidd helping to lead young Mountaineers squad during league play

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

FALLS CITY — With eight freshmen and five sophomores, Falls City's volleyball team has seen a resurgence in numbers. The dramatic increase also means the Mountaineers are among the youngest teams in the Casco League.

Senior Allison Kidd has seen the volleyball squad grow from six players in 2014 to more than 20 in 2015.

For some, high school athletics is a serious matter — a place where student-athletes should focus only

on the task at hand. Kidd doesn't subscribe to that line of thinking.

Instead, Kidd has taken a different approach to help her team stay relaxed.

On the court, Kidd is one of the Mountaineers' most consistent players, from serving to hitting. Yet, Kidd's impact goes beyond what she adds during a match.

"What I try to do is make (my teammates) laugh," Kidd said. "I try and make them have fun with it. If I have fun with it, it seems to help them."

Making sure players are smiling is imperative for a

young team going through growing pains, Kidd said.

"We have a lot of young players and we're quiet," Kidd said. "It can be hard to get us pumped up, but we're getting to where we start out better and louder."

Falls City entered Tuesday's match against Country Christian on a two-match win streak — a sign that these young players are growing up fast.

"The freshmen coming in have played all through middle school and they have a really good base," Kidd said.

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JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer file

Falls City senior Allison Kidd (9) awaits a point earlier this season. Kidd is one of four seniors for the Mountaineers.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

North Douglas defeats Falls City

DRAIN — The Falls City football team lost to North Douglas 52-14 on Friday. No details were provided. The Mountaineers fell to 0-4 overall. Falls City opens Special District 3 play Friday at Mapleton.

Central football to have fireworks

INDEPENDENCE — Central High School will shoot off fireworks at the Panthers' game against Crescent Valley Friday at 7 p.m. The fireworks will be part of the school's Homecoming game festivities.

Rec volleyball league begins

DALLAS — A city recreation volleyball league began Tuesday and will run through Dec. 8. Registration is still available. Cost is \$12 per person. Individual and team entries will be accepted. Competitive and recreational levels are available. For more information: Doug Juergensen, djuergensen@hotmail.com.

Fitness classes offered at YMCA

INDEPENDENCE — The Monmouth-Independence YMCA has a variety of group fitness classes ongoing this fall. Classes begin Thursday and are included as part of your YMCA membership. Options include boot camp, Zumba, body flex, interval step, body shock and family fun night. Schedules vary by class. For a full schedule, visit www.theYonline.org. For more information: 503-838-4042.

Kidd: Falls City wins two straight

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That's allowed Falls City coach Roxi Barnhart to use several young players in her lineups throughout the season. While the transition to varsity may be rough at first, Kidd said the Mountaineers are improving quickly. "We're getting through it," Kidd said. "The girls are doing a really good job. I'm really proud of them."

Falls City's volleyball squad may be in a year of transition with more than half its roster filled with underclassmen, but Kidd isn't stressing. Instead, she's doing whatever she can to ensure her teammates enjoy the journey. "I don't really have a set goal," Kidd said. "Whatever I make it to, I make it to. I just like hanging out with my teammates, playing and having fun."

Foot: Senior ready for big kick

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"I just thought well, I'm going to play football," Hoffman said. "I don't know what that's going to entail, but I just went for it."

Playing alongside players who had trained for months to get ready for the season, Hoffman looked for an opportunity to contribute.

Given her background in soccer, Hoffman got her chance as a kicker, specifically on field goals and extra points.

"They had me and Alvin (Berroa) both kicking for a while," Hoffman said. "He was doing a lot of running back, and when he runs 70 yards, he probably shouldn't have to kick it, too. I was accurate enough (on extra points) so we have him stick to kickoffs."

Hoffman said she picked up the mechanics of kicking fairly quickly. The most difficult part is trusting her training and ability. "It's the mental aspect,"



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Senior Reba Hoffman will kick extra points and field goals for Central's football team this season.

Hoffman said. "I just have to make sure I'm not thinking too much. When I think about it is when I have problems."

Just as important as finding a position, Hoffman wanted to make sure her teammates were on board with her joining the squad. "I think it was hard for the

guys at first because yeah, I'm a girl," Hoffman said. "I didn't want them to feel like I was trespassing or something."

It didn't take long for Hoffman, who has always gotten along with boys, to win over her teammates. "They really welcomed me in and there really hasn't

been a terrible part of it," Hoffman said.

She soon discovered that all the talk of football players being a family has been more than lip service.

"Boys always talk about how it's a family," Hoffman said. "It's really different. They've taken me in as a sister. They never put me down. They don't put other people down. I feel the same acceptance and encouragement. It's really nice."

Hoffman has seen limited action so far this season as the Panthers' place kicker, but she knows she could play a big role at any moment.

"There's definitely a hope that it will happen and there's a hope that it doesn't happen," Hoffman said. "Hedrick has talked to me about how he swears one game will come down to that. He believes in me and if it does come down to a kick, I know I have my team behind me. I won't be too worried."

Tallon: Junior has hat trick

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That hasn't come easy for the Dragons, who enter their Mid-Willamette Conference opener at Central on Monday with a 1-6 mark.

In the team's lone victory, a 3-2 victory over David Douglas on Sept. 8, Tallon scored a hat trick in the first half.

"That was great," Tallon said. "I never would have gotten it without those assists. They played perfect through balls and I was able

to get the shots right, but it was all because of the girls' passing."

In total, the junior forward scored more than half (five) of Dallas' total goals (eight) during the nonleague season. Tallon isn't just one of the team's more experienced players. She's been the Dragons' most consistent scoring option. That's a role Tallon thrives in — but not for the personal glory of scoring. "It puts a lot of pressure on those one-on-one break-

aways," Tallon said. "You're getting it for the girls behind you. They worked so hard to get the ball up to you. It's unfortunate when you can't make it happen, but when it does go in, it's a great feeling for the whole team."

It's not just her play that's doing the talking. She's one of the team's loudest leaders — a role she knows can be just as important to Dallas' success.

As the Dragons prepare to begin league play, Tallon

won't just be looking for more goals, she hopes to inspire her teammates to play for each other — and that could be the key toward finding success on the pitch.

"It's not an individual sport, and you can't do anything without the teammates behind you," Tallon said. "You really have to be together. When you are, everyone starts lighting up and you know you guys are going to go places. I feel like we are."

DALLAS ROUNDUP

Boys soccer earns tie against Benson

Itemizer-Observer staff report

DALLAS — Dallas' boys soccer squad earned a 2-2 tie against Benson on Sept. 22 before falling to Southridge 3-1 on Thursday.

Cameron Overstreet and Michael Davison scored goals for the Dragons against Benson. Dallas finished nonleague play with a 1-4-1 record overall.

The Dragons open Mid-Willamette Conference play against Central Monday at 4 p.m. before playing at Woodburn on Tuesday.

VOLLEYBALL DROPS THREE OF FOUR: Dallas' volleyball squad lost three of four matches last week. The Dragons lost to Crescent Valley 25-15, 23-25, 25-19, 25-18 on Sept. 22 and Lebanon 25-20, 25-12, 25-13 on Thursday

in Mid-Willamette Conference play. Dallas split its matches at the Oregon City Tournament, defeating Putnam 25-13, 25-13 before falling to David Douglas 25-17, 25-22. The Dragons (7-5 overall, 3-3 MWC) played at Silverton Tuesday after press time. Dallas hosts Woodburn Thursday at 6 p.m. before playing at Central Monday at 6 p.m. and at South Albany on Oct. 7.

FOOTBALL FALLS IN DEFENSIVE BATTLE: Dallas' football squad lost a defensive battle to Central 8-0 on Friday. The Panthers' Alvin Berroa scored on a 5-yard run in the second quarter for the game's lone score. Central held Dallas to 29 yards of total offense, including -64 on the ground. The Dragons (1-3 overall, 1-1 Mid-Willamette Conference) hosts South Albany Friday at 7 p.m.

Itemizer-Observer Athlete of the Week



Keenan Bailey Perrydale High

Bailey, a senior running back/linebacker for Perrydale's football squad, played a central role in Perrydale's 36-34 victory over Dufur on Friday. Bailey had 51 carries for 354 yards and four touchdowns, helping the Pirates erase a 22-8 deficit in the first quarter. Bailey scored on runs of 6, 25, 3 and 8 yards. With the victory, Perrydale remains undefeated, improving to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in Special District 4 play.



Alex Dowdell Central High

Dowdell, a junior outside hitter on Central's volleyball team, helped the Panthers to a thrilling 23-25, 25-17, 16-25, 25-13, 15-8 victory over Corvallis on Thursday evening. Dowdell had a team-high 26 kills to help lead Central to the five-set victory. The junior also added 21 digs to help the Panthers improve to 4-6 overall and 3-3 in Mid-Willamette Conference play and into a tie for fourth place.

To submit nominations for the Itemizer-Observer Athlete of the Week, contact Sports Editor Lukas Eggen at 503-623-2373 or leggen@polkio.com by 9 a.m. on Monday.

FOOTBALL

CLASS 5A MID-WILLAMETTE

Team	League	All
Silverton	2-0	3-1
Central	2-0	3-1
Lebanon	1-1	3-1
South Albany	1-1	2-2
Crescent Valley	1-1	2-2
Dallas	1-1	1-3
Corvallis	0-2	0-4
Woodburn	0-2	0-4

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Friday, Oct. 2 Games

Crescent Valley at Central
South Albany at Dallas

CLASS 1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 3

Team	League	All
Lowell	2-0	3-1
Yoncalla	1-0	4-0
North Douglas	1-0	3-1
Siletz Valley	1-0	2-2
Mapleton	1-1	2-2
Triangle Lake	1-1	1-3
Mohawk	1-1	1-3
Falls City	0-0	0-4
McKenzie	0-2	0-4
Alsea	0-2	0-4

Friday, Sept. 25 Result

North Douglas 52, Falls City 14

Friday, Oct. 2 Game

Falls City at Mapleton

SPECIAL DISTRICT 4

Team	League	All
Perrydale	2-0	4-0
Arlington/Condon	2-0	3-0
Sherman	2-0	2-2
Dufur	0-1	3-1
Ione	0-1	1-2
Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler	0-2	2-2
South Wasco County	0-2	0-4

Friday, Sept. 25 Result

Perrydale 36, Dufur 34

PERRYDALE 36, DUFUR 34

Dufur 22 6 6 0-34
Perrydale 8 14 14 0-36

First Quarter

P—Barnes 17 pass from Domes (Bailey run)

D—65 kickoff return (run)

D—5 run (run)

D—55 run (run failed)

Second Quarter

P—Bailey 6 run (Barnes pass from Domes)

D—15 run (run failed)

P—Bailey 25 run (pass failed)

Third Quarter

P—Bailey 3 run (Bailey run)

D—50 run (run failed)

P—Bailey 8 run (pass failed)

Friday, Oct. 2 Game

Perrydale at South Wasco County

COLLEGE GNAC

Team	League	All
Humboldt State	1-0	3-0
Azusa Pacific	1-0	3-1
South Dakota Mines	0-0	3-1
Central Washington	0-0	2-2
Simon Fraser	0-0	0-3
Western Oregon	0-1	1-3
Dixie State	0-1	1-3

Saturday, Sept. 26 Result

Portland State 31, Western Oregon 0

PSU 31, WOU 0

WOU 0 0 0 0-0
CWU 0 17 7-31

Second Quarter

P—Kuresa 2 run (Gonzales kick)

P—Josh Kraght 25 run (Gonzales kick)

P—Gonzales 24 field goal

Third Quarter

P—Tago 1 run (Gonzales kick)

BOYS SOCCER

CLASS 5A MID-WILLAMETTE

Team	League	All
Corvallis	0-0	3-4-0
Silverton	0-0	2-2-3
Woodburn	0-0	2-2-2
South Albany	0-0	2-3-0
Crescent Valley	0-0	1-3-0
Central	0-0	1-4-1
Dallas	0-0	1-4-1
Lebanon	0-0	1-5-0

Tuesday, Sept. 22 Result

Dallas 2, Benson 2

Thursday, Sept. 24 Result

Southridge 3, Dallas 1

Monday, Sept. 28 Result

Aloha 4, Central 0

Tuesday, Sept. 29 Match

Central at Newberg

Monday, Oct. 5 Match

Central at Dallas

Tuesday, Oct. 6 Matches

South Albany at Central
Dallas at Woodburn

GIRLS SOCCER

CLASS 5A MID-WILLAMETTE

Team	League	All
Silverton	0-0	4-1-1
Corvallis	0-0	4-2-1
Crescent Valley	0-0	3-2-1
South Albany	0-0	3-3-0
Woodburn	0-0	1-4-1
Dallas	0-0	1-6-0
Lebanon	0-0	0-5-1
Central	0-0	0-5-0

Tuesday, Sept. 22 Result

Century 1, Dallas 0

Thursday, Sept. 24 Result

Gresham 2, Dallas 1

Monday, Oct. 5 Match

Dallas at Central

Tuesday, Oct. 6 Matches

Central at South Albany
Woodburn at Dallas

COLLEGE GNAC

Team	League	All
Western Washington	3-0-0	7-1-0
Montana State Billings	2-0-1	4-1-2
Simon Fraser	1-1-1	3-1-2
Concordia	1-0-1	4-1-2
Northwest Nazarene	1-1-1	4-3-1
Seattle Pacific	1-1-1	5-1-1
Western Oregon	0-2-1	4-3-1
Central Washington	0-2-0	2-5-0
Saint Martin's	0-2-0	1-5-0

Thursday, Sept. 24 Result

MSU Billings 2, Western Oregon 1

Saturday, Sept. 26 Result

NUU 2, Western Oregon 2

Saturday, Oct. 3 Match

Central Washington at Western Oregon

Tuesday, Oct. 6 Match

Concordia at Western Oregon

CROSS COUNTRY

CLASS 5A MID-WILLAMETTE

Team	League	All
Lebanon	6-0	10-1
Corvallis	4-2	7-5
Silverton	4-2	5-4
Dallas	3-3	7-5
Central	3-3	4-6
Crescent Valley	3-3	3-4
South Albany	1-5	2-8
Woodburn	0-6	1-8

Tuesday, Sept. 22 Results

Silverton def. Central 25-15, 17-25, 25-17, 26-24

Saturday, Sept. 24 Results

Crescent Valley def. Dallas 25-15, 23-25, 25-19, 25-18

Fourth Quarter

P—Long 22 run (Gonzales kick)

Friday, Oct. 2 Game

Western Oregon at Dixie State

Saturday, Sept. 26 Results

Dallas def. Putnam 25-13, 25-13

David Douglas def. Dallas 25-17, 25-22

Tuesday, Sept. 29 Matches

Woodburn at Central
Dallas at Silverton

Thursday, Oct. 1 Matches

Central at South Albany
Woodburn at Dixie State

Monday, Oct. 5 Match

Dallas at Central

Wednesday, Oct. 7 Matches

Central at Crescent Valley
Dallas at South Albany

CLASS 1A CASCO LEAGUE

Team	League	All
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DALLAS CROSS-COUNTRY

Senior looks to top brother's mark

Stuhr finished 10th overall at Mid-Willamette Conference Preview Meet Wednesday



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer
Dallas senior Jesse Stuhr sprints to the finish at the Mid-Willamette Conference Preview Meet on Sept. 23.

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

CORVALLIS — Dallas senior Jesse Stuhr wasn't satisfied last year.

As a junior, Stuhr was the Dragons' top finisher at the Mid-Willamette Conference Championships, finishing 21st overall.

His season best time of 17 minutes, 47.1 seconds was nearly two minutes faster than his first recorded time of the season, 19:45.

Though he found success, Stuhr had a sense of missed opportunity to do something bigger.

"Last year, I didn't run at all during the summer," Stuhr said.

This year, the senior has a new attitude — and has his eyes set on some big goals.

Stuhr may have finished strong in 2014, but he saw a glaring weakness. Not training during the summer meant he came in out of shape at the beginning of the season.

That wasn't the case en-

tering his senior campaign this fall.

"This year, I'm more motivated," Stuhr said. "I did summer workouts. Most of our team ran each day all summer long."

Stuhr finished 10th overall at the Mid-Willamette Conference Preview Meet on Sept. 23.

His time of 17:43 set a new personal best.

"The course was good, flat and fast," Stuhr said. "I ran really well and made sure I was hydrated and everything."

Stuhr is running for more than setting a new personal best. He has his eyes set on catching his older brother, Clay Stuhr, in more ways than one.

Clay Stuhr, a 2013 Dallas High graduate, was one of the Dragons' top runners during his high school career.

He competed at the state cross-country meet in 2010 as a sophomore, and recorded a personal best of 16:25 during his senior year.

That year, Jesse, then a freshman, saw his older brother succeed as one of the team's top varsity runners.

Now, it's Jesse's turn to be the senior, and he hopes to find similar success.

"I want to be at my brother's time," Stuhr said, smiling.

Beyond that, after a 10th-place finish at the MWC Preview Meet, Stuhr knows that a trip to state is within reach.

The top three teams from the league at the MWC championship meet will qualify along with any individual runners in the top seven not on a qualifying team.

"Jesse has been training all summer and I think he is beginning to see the full range of his potential," Dallas coach Monique Lankheet said.

Stuhr has always had fun running. This year, he's hoping an increased focus will lead to better results when it counts the most.

"I'd be happy," Stuhr said.

"I'd be very excited and I'd feel really complete."

Sutton leads girls

Dallas' boys and girls teams saw several strong performances at the MWC Preview Meet on Sept. 23 at Crystal Lake Sports Fields in Corvallis.

"Wednesday's meet was outstanding," Lankheet said. "(We) only had two runners who did not get a personal best."

Elizabeth Sutton (22:41), Alyssa Miller (22:52) and Annela Bloomstrom (23:01) took 22nd, 23rd and 24th, respectively to lead the girls.

Trevor Cross led the boys team at the Northwest Classic on Saturday, placing 31st (17:46.1).

Sutton led the girls squad with a 48th-place finish (22:04.3).

"The team has been working so hard and it was great to see them reap the rewards of success," Lankheet said.

Dallas will compete at the Harrier Classic in Albany on Saturday.

PERRYDALE ROUNDUP

Pirates hold off Dufur

Bailey leads Perrydale to Homecoming win

Itemizer-Observer staff report

PERRYDALE — Perrydale's football squad overcame a 22-8 first quarter deficit to down Dufur 36-34 on Friday.

Keenan Bailey had 51 carries for 354 yards and four touchdowns, while quarterback Daniel Domes hit Brant Barnes for a score. C.J. Marsters added 59 yards on the ground. The Pirates (4-0 overall, 2-0 Special District 4) remains undefeated on the season.

Dufur had the ball with 5:07 left in the fourth quarter. A goal line stand by the Pirates allowed Perrydale to go on a 14-play, 92-yard drive to run out the clock.

"Alex Hawes was dominant on the defensive line," Perrydale coach Chris Gubrud said. "Spencer Bibler continued his steady play, making major contributions on both sides of the ball. The offensive line of Barnes, Bibler, Hunter Sagnemoen, Jacob Pope and Kirk Fairchild helped us dominate the time of possession and opened consistent run-



DELTON MADDUX/for the Itemizer-Observer
Keenan Bailey rushes against Dufur on Friday night.

ning lines for (Keenan) Bailey."

Perrydale plays at South Wasco County on Friday.

VOLLEYBALL WINS TWO: Perrydale's volleyball squad earned a pair of league victories last week. The Pirates defeated Jewell 25-9, 25-13, 25-13 on Sept. 22 before defeating C.S. Lewis 25-6, 25-5, 25-13 on Thursday. Telaney Newton had 11 aces, while Anna McGill had nine aces against C.S. Lewis. Perrydale entered the week at 8-3 overall and 6-1 in Casco

League play, good for second place behind Country Christian. The Pirates hosted Willamette Valley Christian Tuesday after press time. Perrydale hosts Livingstone Adventist Thursday at 6 p.m. and will compete in the Amity Tournament on Saturday.



McGill

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WESTERN OREGON ROUNDUP

WOU falls to Vikings

Wolves held to 224 yards of total offense

Itemizer-Observer staff report

PORTLAND — Facing one of the nation's top rushing attacks, Western Oregon's football team lost to Portland State 31-0 on Saturday. The Vikings rushed for 256 yards on the ground.

The Wolves (1-3 overall, 0-1 Great Northwest Athletic Conference) gained 224 yards of total offense and turned the ball over three times during the loss.

"I thought our defense did play hard," WOU coach Arne Ferguson said. "They made some mistakes, but they played hard and physical against a talented PSU team that's been running the football against Washington State and Idaho State consistently."

The Wolves play at Dixie State on Friday.

VOLLEYBALL DROPS TWO: Western Oregon lost a pair of Great Northwest Athletic Conference matches, falling to Saint Martin's 21-25, 25-16, 23-25, 25-22, 15-10 on Thursday and Seattle Pacific 25-20, 25-23, 25-17 on Satur-

Cross-country
• Western Oregon's cross-country team will compete at the Willamette Invitational Saturday at 9:30 a.m.



Bettinson

day. Sophomore Alisha Bettinson had 22 kills over the two matches to lead the Wolves.

Western Oregon (4-9 overall, 1-3 GNAC) hosts Central Washington on Thursday and Northwest Nazarene Saturday at 7 p.m.

SOCCER EARNS TIE: Western Oregon and Northwest Nazarene played to a 2-2 tie on Saturday. The Wolves took a 1-0 lead in the 13th minute after a goal from Vicky Cruz Rosales. The Crusaders tied the match just before halftime. The Wolves took the lead again after Dani Payne scored in the 54th minute, but North-

west Nazarene scored the equalizer a minute before the end of regulation. Western Oregon opened the week with a 2-1 loss to Montana State Billings on Thursday. WOU (4-3-1 overall, 0-2-1 GNAC) hosts Central Washington Saturday at 1 p.m. before hosting Concordia on Tuesday.

Payne
Payne opened the week with a 2-1 loss to Montana State Billings on Thursday. WOU (4-3-1 overall, 0-2-1 GNAC) hosts Central Washington Saturday at 1 p.m. before hosting Concordia on Tuesday.

ANDY AVGI NAMED ALL-AMERICAN: Western Oregon senior Andy Avgi has been named to the Sporting News Preseason All-American Team.

Avgi, a 6-foot-6 forward for WOU's men's basketball team, was named to the first team after averaging 18.5 points and 5.9 rebounds per game during the 2014-15 season.

Avgi received conference Player of the Year honors after helping the Wolves win the regular season conference title and reach the NCAA West Regional.

CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Hartford takes first overall at Outlaw Invite

Central girls place second in the team standings despite missing injured runners

Itemizer-Observer staff report

SISTERS — Central sophomore cross-country runner Baillie Hartford placed first overall in the girls varsity race at the Outlaw Invite, winning the 5,000-meter run in 20 minutes, 19.2 seconds on Saturday.



Hartford

Junior Abby McBeth placed third (21:01.2); while senior Jamie Smith finished 10th (21:46.6). The Panthers girls finished second behind Sisters.

Hartford also placed fourth at the Mid-Willamette Conference Preview meet on Sept. 23.

"We have had quite a few injuries and small setbacks that have slowed our progress, but we are seeing some growth," Central coach Eli Cirino said. "Baillie, Abby and Jamie looked strong (at the Outlaw Invite). Anne Marie (Hasbrook) and Bethanie (Altamirano) did not run

Soccer

• Central girls soccer hosts Dallas Monday at 6 p.m.

• Central boys play at Dallas Monday at 4 p.m. The Panthers lost to Aloha 4-0 and played Newberg Tuesday after press time.

(on Saturday), or we might have won the meet."

The boys squad placed third at the Outlaw Invite. Junior Zachary Meyer took seventh (18:05.9), while Ammon Jeffries (18:28.0) and Darien Hume (18:30.6) placed 11th and 12th. Meyer also placed 12th at the Mid-Willamette Conference Preview Meet.

Freshman Jaydon Aydelotte and sophomore Rufus Schrader also ran well at Corvallis, Cirino said.

Central will compete at the Harrier Classic in Albany, Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

"The Harrier Classic is always one of our favorite meets, and we have run some of our best times there," Cirino said. "We are a

stronger team this year. They have a better understanding of team dynamics and how to work together."

VOLLEYBALL SPLITS MATCHES: Facing two of the Mid-Willamette Conference's top three teams, Central's volleyball squad earned a split against Silverton and Corvallis. The Panthers lost to the Silver Foxes 25-15, 17-25, 25-17, 26-24 on Sept. 22 before defeating the Spartans 23-25, 25-17, 16-25, 25-13, 15-8 on Thursday. Meaghan McGuyre had five aces, while Alexandra Dowdell had 26 kills and 21 digs against Corvallis. Krista Omlid added 11 kills, Jori Kerr had 22 digs and Kylie Nash recorded 45 assists. "We had a great match vs. Corvallis," Central coach Claudine Mendez said. "I was very proud of our team's performance. We were able to execute our offense consistently, and we served at 93 percent, giving us more opportunities to score." The Panthers (4-6 overall, 3-3 MWC) entered the week tied for fourth. Central hosted Woodburn Tuesday after press time. The Panthers play at South Albany on Thursday, host Dallas Monday at 6 p.m. and play at Crescent Valley on Oct. 7.



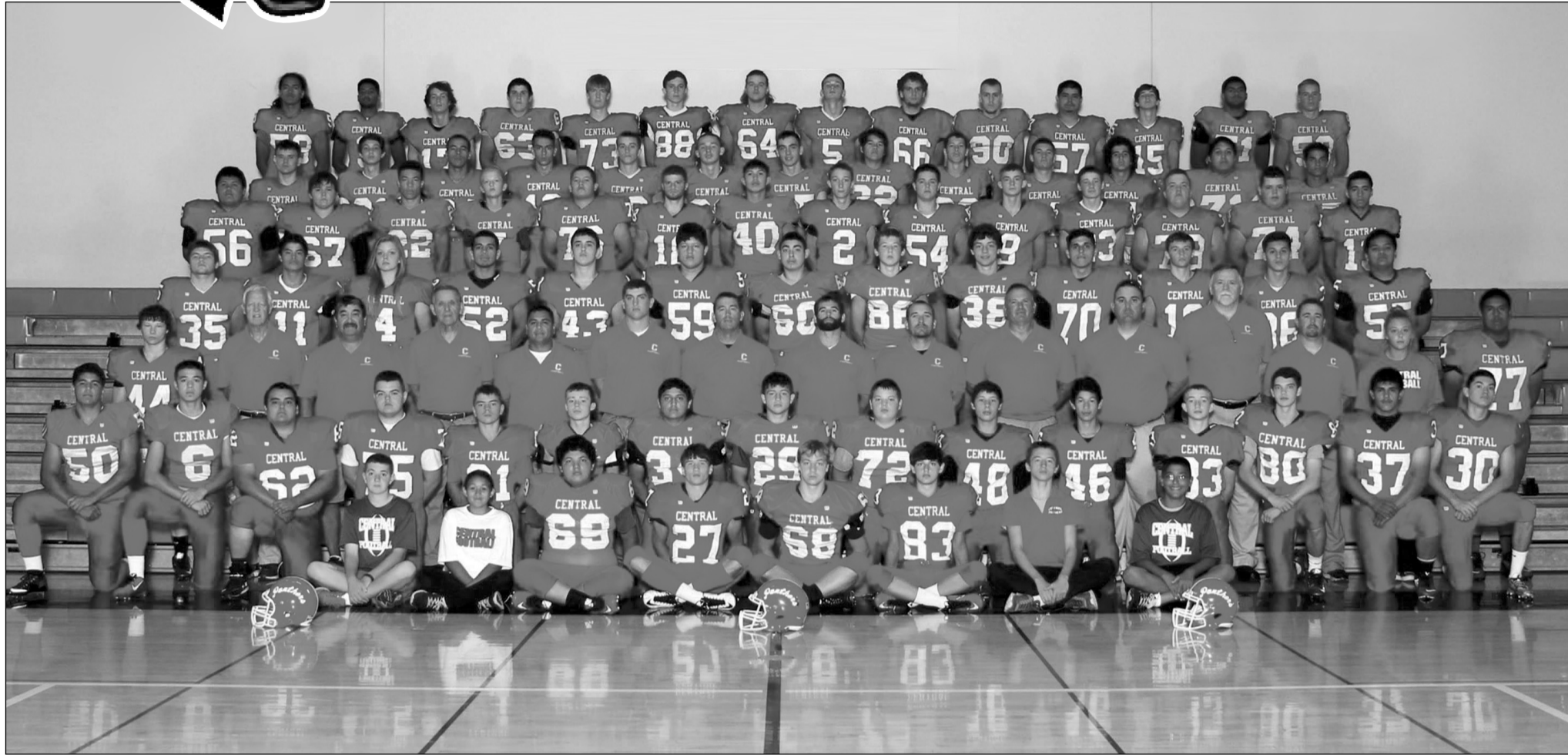
LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer
Central's Darien Hume rounds a corner at the Mid-Willamette Conference Preview Meet on Sept. 23. Hume finished in 12th place with a time of 18 minutes, 30.6 seconds.

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CENTRAL FOOTBALL ROSTER 2015

2/2 Matt Raines	WR/DB	11	5-10	140	22/22 Isaiah Abraham	WR/DB	10	5-11	175	61/61 Jordan Dickson	OL/DL	11	5-10	180
3/3 Harkie Ball	QB/DB	12	6-1	180	23/23 Jesse Cable	QB/DB	9	5-9	150	63/63 Caleb Sedlacek	OL/DL	10	6-2	240
4/4 Reba Hoffman	K/DB	12	5-10	130	24/24 Luis Amador	WR/LB	11	6-	190	64/64 Samuel Cole	OL/DL	12	6-4	260
5/5 Jackson Holstad	TE/LB	11	6-3	190	25/25 Alvin Berroa	RB/LB	11	5-9	175	70/70 Brenden Mosley	OL/DL	12	6-	230
6/6 Jarrett Landers	WR/DB	12	6-1	160	26/26 Peter Mason	WR/DB	11	6-1	170	76/76 Anthony Martinez	OL/DL	12	5-10	220
7/7 Kaleb Kantola	QB/DB	9	5-10	130	27/27 Gabe Dickson	WR/DB	12	5-10	175	79/79 Trevor Whittemore	OL/DL	12	5-10	265
9/9 Cody Watson	QB/DB	10	5-10	150	31/31 AJ Morales	WR/DB	11	5-10	175	90/90 Madison Stepp	TE/DL	12	6-2	200
10/10 Peter Mendazona	QB/DB	10	6-	165	35/35 Luke McBeth	RB/LB	12	5-6	180					
13/13 Marcos Cedillo	QB/DB	10	5-10	165	36/36 David Avila	WR/DB	12	5-10	155					
14/14 Kyle Aklin	TE/LB	11	6-	205	37/37 David Negrete	RB/LB	11	5-9	185					
15/15 Brice Spreadbury	WR/DB	12	6-1	160	50/50 Xavier Morales	OL/LB	12	5-9	210					
17/17 Nick Burgett	WR/DB	12	6-	175	51/51 Marlon Tuipulotu	OL/DL	11	6-3	275					
18/18 Wyatt Rochefort	WR/LB	12	6-1	175	52/52 Gabriel Arreguin	OL/DL	12	5-8	180					
20/20 Will Cable	WR/DL	11	6-	175	53/53 Sam Crow	OL/DL	11	6-2	190					
21/21 Anthony Dunigan	WR/DB	11	5-11	140	54/54 Braden Fuszek	OL/DL	10	5-10	210					
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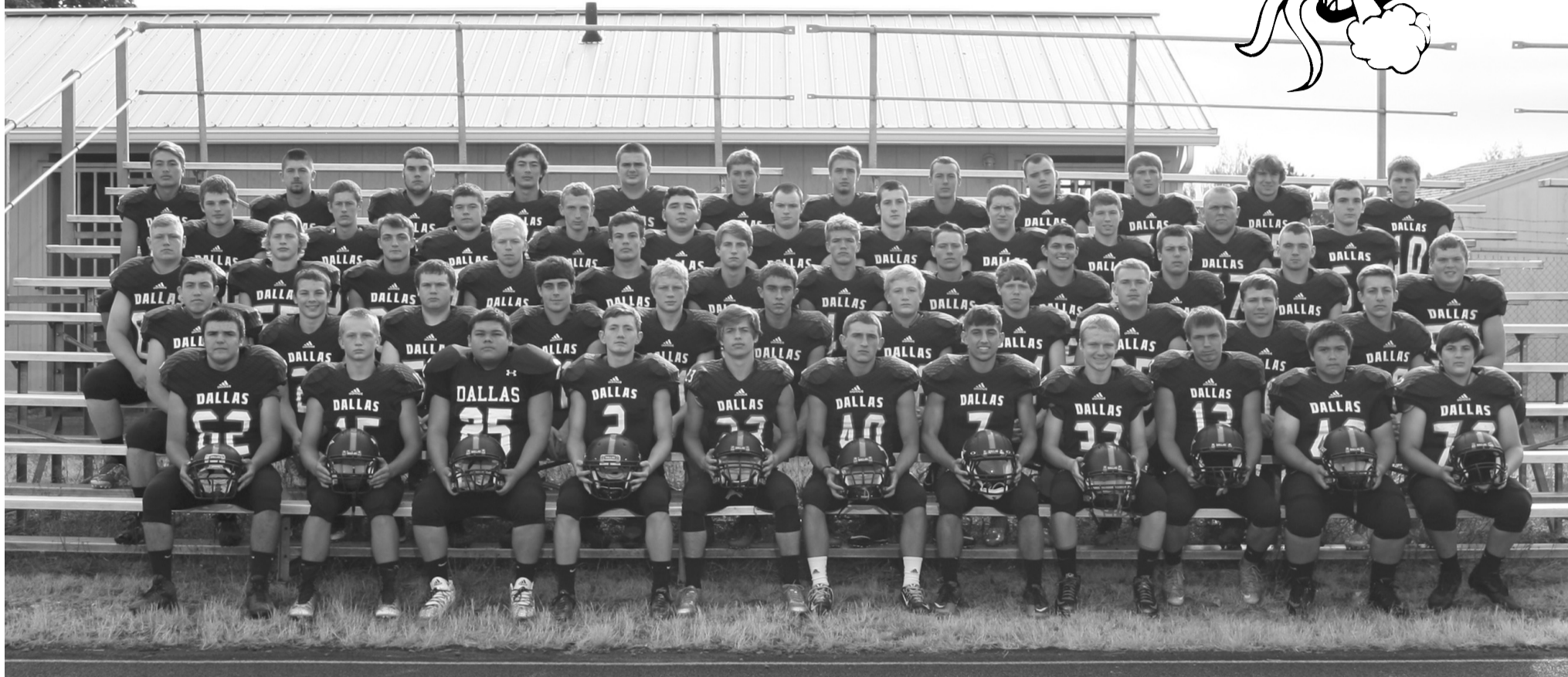
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3/3	Evan Courtney	QB/DB	10	5-9	165	26/26	TJ Mounce	TE/LB	10	5-8	160	62/62	Zach Rowden	OL/DL	10	5-10	180
4/4	Harrison Broadus	QB/DB	11	6-2	175	28/28	Cade Caudill	RB/DB	11	5-9	180	63/63	Tim Hensley	OL/DL	11	5-11	180
5/5	Jaret Stewart	QB/DB	10	6-3	200	32/32	Damon Hodge	WR/DB	10	5-8	150	64/64	Boe Bray	OL/DL	11	5-7	160
6/6	Jon Bennett	WR/LB	11	6-0	150	34/34	Colton Hiebert	WR/DB	10	5-11	140	65/65	Joe Gillette	OL/DL	12	6-1	160
7/7	Caedmon Blair	WR/LB	11	5-6	160	35/35	Alex Hofferber	RB/LB	12	5-8	200	66/66	Josh Willden	OL/DL	11	6-0	255
9/9	Everett Minahan	WR/DB	12	6-1	175	38/38	Mitchell Laizure	TE/LB	12	6-1	210	68/68	TJ Arndt	OL/DL	12	6-2	230
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11/11	Gabe Darland	WR/LB	11	5-7	165	41/41	Travis Booth	TE/LB	10	5-10	165	71/71	Jacob Ronco	OL/DL	11	6-1	210
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21/21	Noah Sickles	WR/LB	10	5-8	145	57/57	Carson Unger	OL/DL	10	5-9	260	84/84	TJ Dimick	TE/LB	10	6-2	200
22/22	Justin Spencer	TE/LB	12	5-11	180	58/58	Chris Rubio	OL/DL	10	5-7	200	88/88	Cooper Dodge	WR/DB	11	5-11	145
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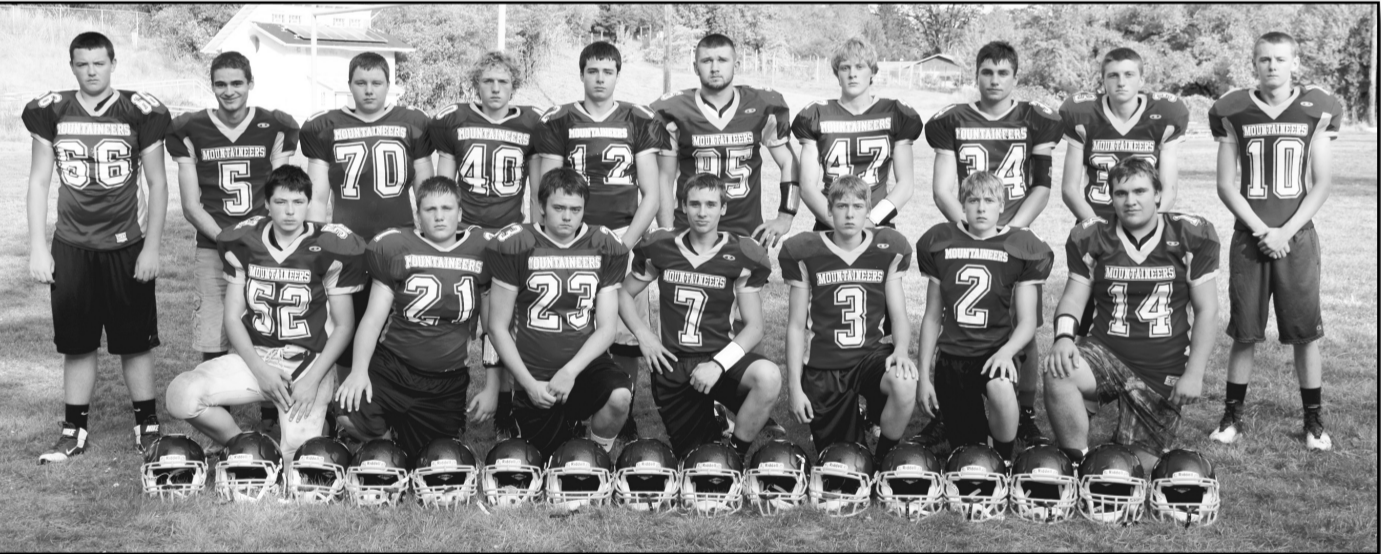
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6/6	Spencer Bibler	DE/TE	12	6-1	195
7/7	Mike McGill	DB/RB	10	5-8	150
8/8	C Daniel Domes	DB/QB	11	5-9	155
9/9	C Devin Cruickshank	DB/QB	12	5-10	135
21/21	Dustin Silver	DB/RB	9	5-10	150
22/22	C Brant Barnes	LB/RB	12	6-1	170
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50/50	C Kirk Fairchild	DB/TE	12	6-0	160
51/51	Jacob Pope	DE/OL	11	6-3	240
55/55	Alex Hawes	DL/OL	11	5-7	220
62/62	CJ Marsters	DL/OL	11	5-9	230
70/70	Hunter Sagmoen	DL/OL	12	5-9	205
71/71	Colton Moore	DL/OL	11	5-9	220

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2/2	Nick Kempfer	DB/TE	11	5-5	130
3/3	Nathan Kempfer	DB/RB	11	5-5	125
5/5	Sam Metzler	S/TE	11	5-9	145
7/7	Jeremy Labrado	S/QB	10	5-6	145
10/10	Dylan Young	S/QB	11	5-10	150
12/12	Zach Labrado	LB/C	12	5-10	170
14/14	Levi Bault	NG/OL	12	5-8	225
21/21	Wyatt Weems	DE/C	9	5-5	175
23/23	Anthony Hilliard	LB/OL	11	5-6	170
24/24	Gage Scheet	DE/OL	9	5-8	165
27/27	Zach Varney	DE/TE	10	6-1	200
33/33	Kobe Smith	LB/RB	9	5-9	135
34/34	Zach Weems	CB/RB	12	5-8	170
40/40	Kyle Smith	LB/TE	12	5-10	160
47/47	Robert Kempfer	CB/RB	12	5-10	160
54/54	Jed Stokes	S/TE	9	5-9	145
55/55	Max Clements	LB/RB	11	5-9	180
66/66	Brian Youtz	DL/OL	11	5-11	190
70/70	Nathan Gilbert	DL/OL	12	5-8	200
90/90	Hayden MacNabb	DE/TE	9	5-7	130
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Test results provide baseline

Schools get first look at how students performed on Common Core tests

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

POLK COUNTY — Student performance on the new Smarter Balanced assessments revealed some encouraging numbers, areas needing work on — and lost data — for local school districts.

Schools across the state administered the new test, which was more difficult and in a new format, for the first time last spring.

The state released the complete data on Sept. 17.

As expected, all school districts have work to do to get their students to the “college and career ready” levels that are the new achievement benchmark on the Common Core-based test.

Test scores fell into four categories, with level 4 being the highest and level 1 the lowest. Students earning level 3 and 4 on the test are considered “college and career ready” for their grade level. Those earning level 2 or lower are behind. Statewide, students achieved a level 3 and above at a 54 percent rate for language arts and at 41 percent rate for math.

“It gives us some good data to work with, for sure,” said Perrydale Superintendent Eric Milburn of the first set of results.

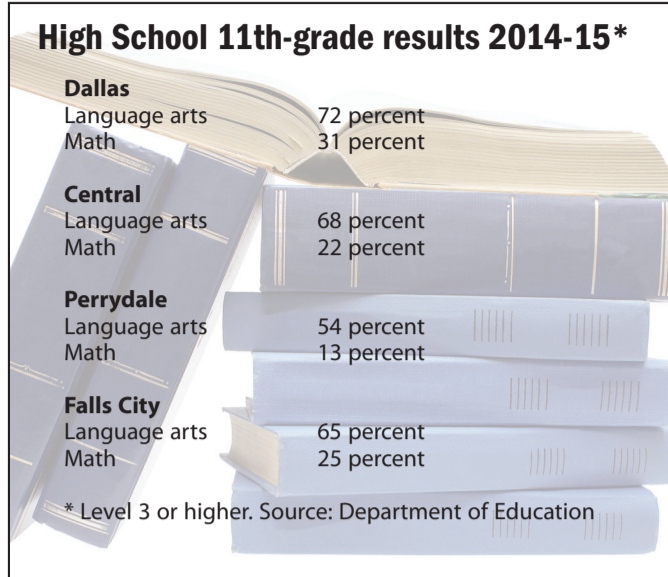
Perrydale appears to have fallen victim to what Milburn hopes would be a first-year glitch. The state apparently lost school’s fifth-grade math test data.

“I know for a fact that we did (take the test), but it’s not there,” Milburn said. “They can’t find any data proof.”

The issue had Perrydale miss the state’s testing participation target of 95 percent. With the missing scores it is at 84.4 percent.

In spite of that snafu, Milburn said he was pleased with the scores.

“In comparison with the



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Juniors in Polk County had mixed result on new tests.

state, we did fairly well,” Milburn said.

Perrydale’s scores were above of the state average at most grades, though there was one notable exception: 11th grade math.

Last year’s juniors only scored a level 3 or higher at a 13 percent rate. Milburn explained that many had already demonstrated achievement of essential skills required for graduation before taking the test.

He said, for some, it was hard to take the test seriously under that circumstance.

While it’s hard to measure progress year to year with a new test, Central School District appears to have its work cut out for it. Students exceeded the state average for level 3 and 4 in high school language arts, with a 67.5 percent rate. Central Superintendent Buzz Brazeau noted the older students had little time to conquer Common Core standards.

“The older kids, they did well in language arts, but they struggled a bit in math,” he said.

Only 22.4 percent of juniors scored at a level 3 or higher.

That doesn’t mean that nearly 80 percent of Cen-

tral’s seniors are at risk to not graduate. Keeping in line with state law, the State Board of Education adopted a separate set of scores for graduation requirements: level 2 on the math and reading test, and level 3 on the writing portion. That was necessary because Oregon is required to notify students when they are in eighth grade what is required for graduation.

If they miss those marks, students can provide work samples to show achievement of “essential skills” in reading, writing and math to qualify for graduation.

Dallas School District saw scores hovering around state averages at most grades and much better than expected based on field testing of the assessment before Smarter Balanced went statewide.

“We know we have a lot of room to grow,” said Steve Martinelli, the district’s director of instructional services. “We are looking to continue to try to grow in the mathematics.”

Last year’s group of seventh graders trailed the rest of the state in language arts and math by a significant amount, following a pattern since third grade. Martinelli

said the district staff will be taking a deeper look at the data to help those students.

“It’s a concern that we know that and we haven’t been about to close that gap,” Martinelli said.

With its smaller class sizes, Falls City’s assessment scores are often volatile. This year was no exception.

Last year’s juniors scored close to the state average in language arts, though all other grades in both math and language arts fell short.

Superintendent Jack Thompson said comparisons to last year are difficult, but that doesn’t mean he’s pleased with the results. “Not even close,” he said.

He said the district has in the last two years adopted new Common Core-based curriculum and that should help in future years.

Thompson said he’s hoping the new test will provide similar details about how students performed on certain parts as Oregon’s former assessment, OAKS. He said that information was used to tutor students.

“That was (valuable) information,” he said. “Ultimately, it (the test) needs to be something that we can use in the classroom.”

For more information or to look at the results: www.ode.state.or.us.

SCHOOL NOTES

Lunch program now at The Gate

INDEPENDENCE — For the last 26 years, The Gate has hosted “church lunch” across the street from Central High School at the Baptist Church.

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WOU to study rural Latino children

MONMOUTH — Doris Cancel-Tirado, assistant principal of health at Western Oregon University, was awarded a 24-month, \$100,000 grant through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s New Connections program.

The grant will allow her to explore the associations among individual, family and community factors, and the mental and physical well-being of rural Latino children.

It will also allow Cancel-Tirado to explore Latina mothers’ perceived barriers and opportunities to providing their children the best foundation for healthy development and productive lives.

The results of the project will inform initiatives to support low-income Latino children that could potentially decrease health disparities.

KVCS begins annual wreath sale

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Oct. 6 Monmouth Independence Chamber of Commerce presents the FALL SERIES PEP Talks. Beginning with **How to Increase Your Business Faster & Easier** by David Harrison. Workshops are held 1 pm to 2 pm at Henry Hill Community Center, 750 S. 5th St. Independence. Light refreshments included in cost. \$10 MI Chamber members and \$15 for non members. Reserve your spot online at www.micc-or.org or by calling the chamber before noon on October 5th, 503-838-4268.

Oct. 10 Brunk House Apple Festival. 10 am to 3 pm. Make and buy your own fresh-squeezed cider, tour a pioneer farmhouse and gardens, visit the machine sheds, and stay for delicious apple desserts for sale in the homey Brunk House kitchen. Free admission. Desserts and cider for purchase. 5705 Salem-Dallas Hwy (Hwy 22) Near the junction of Hwy 51 to Independence and Restlawn Cemetery.

Oct. 14 MI Chamber Forum: Tobacco Policies in Monmouth & Independence presented by Matthew Stevenson. Tobacco Prevention and Education Program Coordinator, Polk County Family & Community Outreach; 2 PM to 1 PM at Rogue Farms; complimentary food and drink provided by Rogue. Rogue Farms 3590 Wighrich Road Independence, OR

Oct. 15 MI Chamber Mixer: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at Polk County Museum hosted by the Polk County Historical Society. Grow your professional network while enjoying a treasure hunt at the museum. 560 S Pacific Hwy (99W) Next to the Polk County Fairgrounds.

Oct. 17 History of the Grange in Polk County. 1:30 to 4 pm. Speaker, Lee Goodrich, will present a program describing the history of the Grange as an institution in Polk County. Admission is Free but welcome donations. Polk County Museum, 560 S Pacific Hwy (99W) Next to the Polk County Fairgrounds.

Oct. 24 Discover MI Town! This passport-style tour of businesses and organizations is designed to showcase the many wonderful restaurants, stores, and organizations we have in our community while supporting Chamber-related programs and services. The event will be held Saturday from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM in downtown Independence and downtown Monmouth. Shuttle service will be available to transport participants as they “Discover MI Town!” Tickets will go on sale once all host sites and guest vendors are confirmed. Go to www.micc-or.org for more info.

Oct. 30 Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce’s SPOOKTACULAR BINGO! See box below for info...

Oct. 30 Monmouth Downtown Trick-or-Treat Spooktacular 3:30-6 pm, safe and family friendly!

Oct. 31 Happy Halloween. Be careful of ghouls and goblins out trick or treating!

SPOOKTACULAR BINGO

October 30th
4PM - 7PM

Volunteer: Help support for the Monmouth Halloween Festival!

Open Sessions: \$1 per bingo card, \$10 for 12 cards!

Family Fun with Great Prizes! Go to micc-or.org for more info.

Every Tuesday 10:15 AM, Toddler Story Time for ages 18 mos. to 3 yrs. Monmouth Public Library, 168 S. Ecols St.

Every Tuesday 7:30 PM - Al-Anon Family Groups, which includes Alateen for younger members, meets at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, in Dallas. Al-Anon is an established community resource for people affected by another’s use of alcohol. The resource can aid the recovery process for the entire family through hope, comfort and loving interchange among members having a common problem. For more information call 503-370-7363, leave a message - you will be contacted.

Second and Fourth Tuesdays - 9:15 to 11 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MoPs) meets at Monmouth Christian Church, 959 W. Church St., Monmouth.

Every Wednesday 10:15 AM, Preschool Story Time for ages 3-6 years. Monmouth Library, 168 S. Ecols St.

Every Wednesday Helping Hands Emergency Food Bank, 10am to noon, Monmouth Christian Church, 959 Church St. W., Monmouth. For eligible community members; available every Wednesday. 541-404-6517.

Every Wednesday 6:30 PM - Al-Anon Family Groups, which includes Alateen for younger members, meets at Trinity Lutheran Church at 320 Fir Villa Rd. in Dallas. Al-Anon is an established community resource for people affected by another’s use of alcohol. The resource can aid the recovery process for the entire family through hope, comfort and loving interchange among members having a common problem. For more information call 503-370-7363, leave a message - you will be contacted.

Every 2nd Wednesday Monmouth-Independence Chamber lunch forum. 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Location changes. Please call Jean Love or visit our Calendar of Events at micc-or.org for more information. 503-838-4268

Every 3rd Wednesday each month. **BINGO at the Farm**, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Come play BINGO in the Chatoe out at Rogue Farms. Join us every third Wednesday of the month through 2014! So bring your family and friends and get ready to win! Boards, daubers, and prizes provided! Rogue Farms Chatoe Tasting Room, 3590 Wighrich Road Independence, OR

Every Thursday 7 p.m. 314 Cottonwood Way, Monmouth. **Polk and Marion County Women** meet to discuss and research alternative/safer approaches to conventional treatments of hormonal imbalance.

Every 2nd Thursday 7:00 PM Luckiamute Watershed Council (LWC) open meeting. Monmouth Volunteer Hall. Info: 503-838-8804

Every 3rd Thursday After Hour Mixers with Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members and friends are invited to join us for our FREE monthly after-hours mixers. Mixers are held the third Thursday of each month from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at member locations. Registration is requested to help the host site properly prepare. Attendees are encouraged to bring a small giveaway (less than \$10) to promote your business or organization. For location and or more information, contact Jean Love 503-838-4268 or visit our Calendar of Events at micc-or.org for more information.

Every Friday TOPS-Weight Loss Group meets at the Monmouth Church of Christ, 127 Heffley St. N., Monmouth. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information please feel free to contact Marilyn at 503-930-7936.

Every Saturday Riverview Market Now through October 9 AM - 2 PM Riverview Park 50 C. St., Independence

Every Saturday The Original Independence Farmers Market 9 am to 2 pm Umpqua Bank parking lot in historic downtown Independence.

Every 1st Saturday 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM Monmouth Senior Center host breakfast. All you can eat, Adults \$6 Donation, Children 12 & under \$3 Donation. For more info: 503 838-5678

First Saturday 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM Mon-Fri 10:00 a.m.-3 p.m.-Crafter’s Cottage at the Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St. Handmade items, watercolors, needlepoint, towels, bead jewelry, dolls, blankets, sweaters, jellies, etc....**New items always arriving!**



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Kathy Martin-Willis, right, helps children during the YMCA's Go Club, which promotes a healthy, balanced lifestyle.

Go Club: more than just baby sitting

After-school program at the Y offers activity, help with homework, snacks

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — The after-school program at Monmouth Independence YMCA, Go Club, is more than just a baby sitting service, said executive director Natascha Cronin.

"It's not just that we're making sure your child is safe and dry and feeding them," she said. "It really is a very different program than what it's been in the past. We're considering ourselves more of an extension of the school day."

There's plenty of play time, especially if it's nice outside.

Monday afternoon, about a dozen kids chased each other on the playground at Henry Hill Education Support Center while others insisted on Kathy Martin-Willis pushing them just one more time.

The Y uses the physical components of the CATCH

curriculum, which stands for Coordinated Approach to Child Health.

Monday through Friday, children who are part of the Y after-school program get 45 minutes of vigorous activity, Cronin said.

"We started this (program) in the summer, and our staff has lost anywhere from 10 to 20 pounds, because our staff is required to participate," Cronin said. "It's really interesting to see the health benefits we're trying to provide our kids in our program also impacting our staff."

When a child enters the Y after-school program, he or she will be evaluated, and then re-evaluated at the end of the school year to see how he or she has improved — in all aspects, including fitness.

Cronin said the kids won't be weighed or literally measured, but rather will take something similar to an old physical fitness test: how many pushups can you

do? How many sit-ups?

"We want them to be able to be more active at the end of the school year because we know that active kids do better in school," Cronin said. "Their brains function better. They're able to pay attention. It's just good for them."

Playing on the swings is not part of that curriculum, Martin-Willis said. It's just letting them be kids with some free play.

In addition to the physical component, time is set aside each day for homework. Martin-Willis and other employees help kids with their studies.

The children file into the gym at Henry Hill, wiggles thoroughly released, and get ready to work on homework. Each child makes a beeline for his or her backpack and takes a seat, ready to study.

"We don't guarantee they're going to go home with all their homework

done, but we're there to help them and be with them," Cronin said.

Children also are taught the four core values of the Y: honesty, respect, responsibility and caring.

Cronin said basing all the Y's programs on these four values carries through more than one might think.

"It's not just spouting from the rooftops," Cronin said. "It's a really nice teaching tool to remind kids how to behave with one another. We kind of forget that now. Just be nice."

Because Go Club is a certified child care site, Department of Human Services assistance is accepted, Cronin added. Scholarships also are available, as with all Y programs.

The Y's after-school program has openings available.

For more information: www.theyonline.org, or 503-838-4042.

DHS auction set for Saturday

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — The annual Dallas Booster Club Auction returns Saturday evening.

Tickets for the event, which begins at 6 p.m. at the Dallas Nesmith Readiness Center, located at 12830 Westview Drive, are \$25 and will be available at the door, organizer Michelle Nelson said.

This year's auction will include a variety of items to bid on, from house rentals at Sunriver to the chance to be a wrestling coach during the wrestling team's Orange and Black scrimmage, to local artwork, a pair of grills and gift cards.

Money raised from the auction goes toward supporting all of Dallas High's sports programs.

The auction raised about \$35,000 in 2014.

"We always shoot for more," Nelson said. "If we could bring in \$40,000, we would be thrilled."

If you miss out on the item you were eyeing, you can also choose to donate directly to a specific team, Nelson said.

Money raised from the auction is split between all athletic teams. Funds are also used to support various facility upgrades.

"We get requests from the teams through (athletic director) Tim Larson and we take it case by case," Nelson said. "We have heard that there is some desire to replace the scoreboard in the gym, so we may be funding part of that. Last year's funds were used for a portable soccer scoreboard, turf around home plate at the baseball field, help with the scoreboard at girls softball, and more."

Saturday's auction will also serve as an opportunity for parents to meet Dallas School District's new Superintendent Michelle Johnstone, and a chance to reconnect with old friends.

Most importantly, Nelson said it provides a fun evening to support all of the student-athletes at Dallas.

"I've been going to this since I was 21," Nelson said. "My favorite part is seeing people I haven't seen since last year and having a fun way to support Dallas High School."



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The Dallas Booster Club Auction on Saturday will feature a variety of items from gift certificates, artwork created by local artists and house rentals in Sunriver.

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Who says there's no such thing as free lunch?

House Bill 2545 provides free school lunch for all who qualify for 'reduced'

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

POLK COUNTY — The number of kids eating free lunch at school has increased, thanks to House Bill 2545, passed during the 2015 Legislative session.

The bill provides school districts with reimburse-

ment for anyone who qualifies for reduced price lunch under federal guidelines.

In Central School District, that means an additional 253 children no longer have to carry 40 cents to eat lunch. Out of the 3,253 students enrolled, 1,779 qualify for free lunch in Central schools.

Mike Vetter, the food services director for Central School District, is contracted out to serve both Dallas and Falls City schools as well.

He said the change won't affect Falls City at all.

"Falls City is free for everybody because they're a CEP site," Vetter said.

A CEP (community eligibility provision) site is reserved for districts with very high poverty level. Every child in Falls City School District is eligible for a free breakfast and lunch.

All students in Central schools also receive a free breakfast option, Vetter said, regardless of whether or not they qualified for free or reduced meals.

"For Central, it was so important that we offered breakfast to students," he said. "We found that a hungry student doesn't learn very well."

With the reimbursement provided by HB 2545, the district will see a little more

money from those free breakfasts, but not much, Vetter said.

Mostly, he hopes the change will encourage more people to use the school lunch program.

"Of course the paid kids are definitely welcome to eat as well," Vetter said.

He said it is always good to fill out a second, or even a third, application for free or reduced lunch.

"If their status changes in life, especially if it changes negatively, apply again," he said. "You never know."

In October, everyone will have to fill out a new application, which is only good for one year.

"We have pages of kids' names whose applications are getting ready to expire," Vetter said.

Applications may be picked up from every school building in Dallas and Central school districts. Also, they may be found online: www.ode.gov.

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