

Revival: Simmons sees a major change starting

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On the court, Simmons, along with fellow senior Tristan Yeager, are Falls City's most reliable weapons on offense and defense.

But it's the groundwork they're helping to lay for future seasons that may be their biggest impacts.

"We know the total number of wins may not be as much as we'd like," Owre said. "But the kids are working to improve every single day. And that's what is important right now."

When the Mountaineers' year began, players weren't expecting much of a change.

"Last season, it was like we're here and we know we're going to lose," Simmons said.

As practices began, Simmons wasn't convinced a new coach would help.

"Whenever you hear things that you don't know, you're like, 'what is he talking about?'" Simmons said. "That's how I felt and that's how a bunch of the other kids felt too."

Owre started with re-teaching the basics of basketball. It wasn't long before players had a new level of understanding.

"I find it helpful not only for me, but my teammates," Simmons said. "I know what I'm talking about better now, so my play has improved and it allows me to help our younger guys with what they're supposed to be doing."



LUKAS EGGEN/for the Itemizer-Observer
Mountaineers senior Tanner Simmons helped Falls City to a recent two-game win streak.

Simmons, a 5-foot-10 post, is someone who helps inspire teammates through his work ethic.

"Effort is everything," Simmons said. "It's what you do with the knowledge you have that makes the difference."

There's one other thing that's different. For the first time for many of the players, games aren't a mere formality to get through.

"The enjoyment level from last year to this year has changed drastically," Simmons said. "Games are something we all look forward to. The anticipation is so much different."

During a recent two-game

win streak, the Mountaineers won both a blowout (16-point margin) and a close contest (three-point victory).

"I never felt so happy," Simmons said. "Seeing the smiles on everyone's faces, it brought tears to my eyes. I was so happy I got to share this with my teammates."

There aren't many teams who would be happy with three wins late in a season, but for the Mountaineers, it's a sign of a better things to come.

"I can feel it," Simmons said. "I know the other players can feel it. It's something we all love and it's something we don't want to let go."

SCOREBOARD

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CLUB SWIMMING

LEBANON INVITATIONAL at Lebanon Jan. 17-18 results
Blue Dolphins Swim Team

BOYS
200 freestyle (13-14) — 1, Daniel R. Glade, 2:08.68; 3, Isaiah Compton, 2:25.21. **200 freestyle (15 and over)** — 7, Ian Sayers, 2:21.47. **100 freestyle (11-12)** — 3, David Glade, 1:10.38. **100 freestyle (13-14)** — 1, Daniel Glade, 58.54; 4, Isaiah Compton, 1:03.66. **100 freestyle (15 and over)** — 8, Ian Sayers, 1:05.22. **100 breaststroke (11-12)** — 2, David Glade, 1:29.45. **50 freestyle (10)** — 3, David Beasley, 38.27. **50 freestyle (11-12)** — 5, David Glade, 31.73. **50 freestyle (13-14)** — 2, Daniel Glade, 26.05; 3, Isaiah Compton, 27.88. **50 freestyle (15 and over)** — 7, Ian Sayers, 29.96. **200 individual medley (11-12)** — 3, David Glade, 2:50.76. **200 individual medley (13-14)** — 2, Daniel Glade, 2:26.5. **50 backstroke (9-10)** — 1, David Beasley, 43.7. **50 backstroke (11-12)** — 1, David Glade, 37.53. **100 backstroke (9-10)** — 1, David Beasley, 1:39.87. **100 backstroke (13-14)** — 1, Daniel Glade, 1:07.71. **50 butterfly (11-12)** — 3, David Glade, 37.6. **200 backstroke (13-14)** — 3, Daniel Glade, 2:32.76.

GIRLS
100 individual medley (8 and under) — 1, Gentry Hagedorn, 1:53.33. **100 individual medley (9-10)** — 3, Savannah King, 1:33.8; 4, Jaden Irwin, 1:34.28. 5, Lonny Stork, 1:35.810. **100 individual medley (11-12)** — 4, Isabel Diaz, 1:27.64. **200 freestyle (9-10)** — 1, Taylor Hagedorn, 3:03.08. **200 freestyle (11-12)** — 4, Isabel Diaz, 2:45.28. **200 freestyle (13-14)** — 4, Emily Beasley, 2:58.95; Rhylee Pendley, 4:25.97. **200 freestyle (15 and over)** — 3, Alice Luo, 3:26.19. **200 medley relay (10 and under)** — 1, A. Lonny Stork, Savannah King, Taylor Hagedorn, Jade Irwin, 2:57.39; 4, B. Kadenice King, Madison Hanson, Gentry Hagedorn, Natalie Clinton, 3:52.35. **200 medley relay (13 and over)** — 3, A. Mikaila Sayers, Alice Luo, Emily Beasley, Rhylee Pendley, 3:09.45. **100 freestyle (8 and under)** — 1, Kandance King, 1:39.1. **100 freestyle (9-10)** — 3, Taylor Hagedorn, 1:22.26; 4, Savannah King, 1:22.98. **100 freestyle (13-14)** — 4, Mikaila Sayers, 1:19.09; Rhylee Pendley, 1:52.9. **50 breaststroke (8 and under)** — 2, Gentry Hagedorn, 1:00.8. **50 breaststroke (9-10)** — 5, Lonny Stork, 53.53; 9, Madison Hanson, 1:06.11. **100 breaststroke (9-10)** — 4, Taylor Hagedorn, 1:45.88; 7, Savannah King, 1:52.76; 8, Jaden Irwin, 1:54.27. **100 breaststroke (13-14)** — 4, Mikaila Sayers, 1:42.83; 6, Emily Beasley, 1:46.47. **100 breaststroke (15 and over)** — 3, Alice Luo, 1:56.76. **25 freestyle (8 and under)** — 5, Gentry Hagedorn, 20.47; 6, Kandance King, 21.45. **50 freestyle (8 and under)** — 4, Kandance King, 46.83. **50 freestyle (9-10)** — 4, Jaden Irwin, 36.96; 5, Lonny Stork, 37.9; 21, Natalie Clinton, 53.69; 22, Madison Hanson, 53.95. **50 freestyle (11-12)** — 8, Isabel Diaz, 34.6. **50 freestyle (13-14)** — 4, Mikaila Sayers, 34.88; 5, Emily Beasley, 37.95; 7, Rhylee Pendley, 48.11. **50 freestyle (15 and over)** — 4, Alice Luo, 41.58. **200 individual medley (9-10)** — 3, Taylor Hagedorn, 3:19.52. **200 individual medley (13-14)** — 3, Emily Beasley, 3:21.57. **200 individual medley (15 and over)** — 5, Alice Luo, 3:58.12. **25 backstroke (8 and under)** — 4, Gentry Hagedorn, 22.01. **50 backstroke (8 and under)** — 4, Gentry Hagedorn, 48.84. **50 backstroke (9-10)** — 2, Jaden Irwin, 44.82; 3, Lonny Stork, 46.0; 15, Madison Hanson, 1:00.82. **100 backstroke (9-10)** — 5, Taylor Hagedorn, 1:36.28; 6, Lonny Stork, 1:40.5. **100 backstroke (13-14)** — 6, Rhylee Pendley, 2:08.5. **100 backstroke (15 and over)** — 5, Alice Luo, 2:02.86. **50 butterfly (8 and under)** — 1, Gentry Hagedorn, 53.02. **50 butterfly (9-10)** — 4, Jaden Irwin, 46.89. **100 butterfly (9-10)**

WRESTLING

CLASS 5A MID-WILLAMETTE

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

Wednesday, Jan. 21 Results
Dallas 41, Crescent Valley 28
Central 39, Silverton 39 (C wins tb)
Lebanon 51, Woodburn 25
South Albany 56, Corvallis 24

DALLAS 41, CRESCENT VALLEY 28 at Crescent Valley High School, Corvallis Wednesday, Jan. 21 Results
106 — Brawley Lamer, CV, pinned Ryan Biber, 3:21. **113** — Noah Sickles, D, won by forfeit. **120** — Jesse Stuhr, D, dec. Ben Hale, 9-5. **126** — Benny Senda, CV, pinned Andrew Shea, 1:32. **132** — Sammy Chung, D, pinned Bryan Cates, 1:06. **138** — Mathew Dindinger, D, dec. Stanfur Lassen, 10-4. **145** — Alex Rich, CV, major dec. 12-0. **152** — Mathew Stinnette, CV, pinned Austin Rayburn, 2:40. **160** — Clay Coxen, D, pinned Matthew Pawlowski, 5:21. **170** — Garrett Worsch, CV, pinned Justin Spencer, 1:33. **182** — Joshua Naughton, D, dec. Parker Deford, 6-0. **195** — Mathew Thorsted, D, won by forfeit. **220** — Kyle Snyder, D, dec. Seniu Maitland, 1-0. **285** — Bailey Hise, D, won forfeit.

CENTRAL 39, SILVERTON 39 (Central wins on tiebreaker criteria) at Central High School, Independence Wednesday, Jan. 21 Results
106 — Cache Campbell, S, won by forfeit. **113** — Valentin Garcia, S, dec. Manuel Martinez, 9-2. **120** — Boston Merrifield, S, won by forfeit. **126** — Tristan Lanier, S, pinned Timothy Blair, 3:48. **132** — Austin Reed, S, won by forfeit. **138** — Nathan Butch, S, pinned Gavin Lippsmeyer, 0:52. **145** — Collin Swinehart, C, pinned Daniel Kuznetsov, 1:34. **152** — John Lippsmeyer, C, dec. Trevor Ayers, 9-8. **160** — Gabriel Arreguin, C, pinned Kansas Chemisthorff, 4:59. **170** — Tanner Swinehart, C, pinned Wyatt Patrick, 2:14. **182** — David Negrete, C, pinned Ryan Wells, 5:47. **195** — Alberto Meza, C, pinned William McMahon, 3:58. **220** — Cody Gubbels, S, pinned Mathias Feltmann, 1:33. **285** — Marlon Tuipulotu, C, won by forfeit.

RESER'S TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS at Liberty High School, Hillsboro Jan. 23-24 Results
Team scores — Crook County 303, Roseburg 244½, Hillsboro 161, Redmond 141½, David Douglas 125, Dallas 110, Eagle Point 102, Hermiston 101, Scappoose 98, Sprague 93, Sweet Home 92½, Crater 85, West Linn 79, Culver 76, Sunset 75½, Glencoe 72½, Sandy 61, Century 57½, Lebanon 50, McNary 46, Cascade 44, Canby 32, Pendleton 24, North Marion 20.
(Dallas placers)
113 — Noah Sickles, 4-1, second. **120** — Nolan Miller, 4-2, fifth. **132** — Matt Hofenbredl, 5-0, first. **138** — Tanner Earhart, 5-2, fourth.

ELMIRA 44, CENTRAL 23 at Central High School, Independence Saturday, Jan. 24 Results
106 — Manuel Martinez, C, pinned Logan Walker, 4:28. **113** — Morgan Craig, E, dec. Johnathan Mendez, 9-8. **120** — Riley Craig, E, won by forfeit. **126** — Tim Blair, C, dec. Jasper Kamerer, 4-0. **132** — Anthony Tena, E, won by forfeit. **138** — Garth Evenson, E, pinned Juan Mendoza, 1:08. **145** — Collin Swinehart, C, technical fall over Brandon McElhose, 15-0. **152** — Mason Walker, E, technical

Death: Confusion added to delayed call response

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"While this is tragic, based off what the medical examiner is telling us, it would appear he was having an episode and entered into a medical situation that I don't think that medics could have gotten there in time to save him," Wolfe said.

Dallas Fire & EMS Chief Fred Hertel agreed, but neither would rule out the possibility a quicker response may have saved Clothier.

"Could they have intervened sooner and not had the excited delirium set in?" Wolfe asked. "I don't know, I'm not a medical (professional)."

"I'm not sure it would have changed the outcome, but there is always that possibility," Hertel said. "I think if law enforcement got there and secured the scene while the gentleman was still alive, it's easier to keep somebody alive from a medical standpoint than try to bring them back."

The incident began when Clothier's family realized he was having a mental breakdown at about 10:30 p.m.

Wolfe said Clothier had been watching a movie with his family when he got up to go outside. Later, James went to look for him.

"(He) goes outside to see where he (Clothier) had gone and sees him crawling around on the ground on all fours," Wolfe said.

Clothier then confronts his father, punching him. The family calls 9-1-1 for

help at 10:32 p.m., after county patrol hours had ended.

Due to budget cuts and the loss of federal timber funds, the sheriff's office now patrols only 10 hours per day.

At 10:38 p.m., the family requests an ambulance to take Clothier to the hospital for mental issues. Minutes later, though, the family is asking for help saving his life. At 10:44, Clothier is no longer breathing.

Dispatch informed the on-call Polk County sergeant of the situation, and following protocol, he said he would not be responding and to send medics.

Off-duty responses must involve an imminent threat to a person. Even though Clothier had punched his father, this didn't meet that standard, Wolfe said.

"It came in as a mental call that turned into a medical call," Wolfe said. "It doesn't meet the protocol of a person-to-person crime with serious injuries with medics being dispatched."

Clothier's family said the situation was serious enough to require police.

At 10:47 p.m., an ambulance crew is staged a mile away. Confusion about the call — whether it was a domestic dispute and whether there was a gun involved — led the crew to wait for police.

One minute later, at 10:48 p.m., the family begins CPR. The EMS crew asked for a Dallas officer to respond and Sgt. Sunny Latty arrived on the scene at 10:59 p.m. She

took over CPR and called in EMS. Medics were on scene by 11:02 p.m. Clothier could not be revived.

Dallas Fire & EMS also has adopted procedures when responding to emergencies outside of city limits when no sheriff's deputies are available to answer calls.

"In a nutshell, it basically says we do a safety evaluation prior to putting our members and employees in an unsafe situation," Hertel said.

That evaluation takes into account the information dispatch provides and records of past calls to the address. The Jan. 19 incident raised several concerns.

"Anytime there is a weapon involved, we stage and let law enforcement get in there," Hertel said. "Even if it is just a battle between two individuals, that's not something that we can say is a safe situation to put our members in."

Wolfe said he wishes those types of choices didn't have to be made.

"There shouldn't be a protocol in place (for the sheriff's office) in the first place," Wolfe said. "If we were fully staffed, would we have gone to that call? Absolutely."

While they believe those who responded wanted to help their son, the Clothier family said the sheriff's office and local police need to plan better for off-hours calls.

"They need to have a contingency plan," James Clothier said.



AARON YOST/for the Itemizer-Observer
Dell Weston, a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainer, demonstrates that not all fires can be put out with water during Monday night's training session.

Training: Youth will be ready to respond to emergencies

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"We are going to turn out trained emergency responders," she said.

The CERT training program includes fire safety, medical triage, emergency medical treatment, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, and terrorism.

On Jan. 19, Townsend introduced the teens to what they would be learning over the course of eight weeks. That included how, at the end of training, they will be capable of helping rescue people if needed.

"That's what we want for you in this training — learning how to do a whole lot of stuff you didn't think you could do," she said.

Kyle Rothwell, 17, a Dallas home-school student Dal-

Learn More About Teen CERT

- **Who can join?** Any teen ages 14 to 17 with parent permission. A GPA of 3.0 is required.
- **How long is the training?** Basic CERT training takes a total of approximately 20 to 30 hours.

For more information:
www.polkcountycert.org; Facebook at "Teen CERT, Polk County Oregon."

Townsend said in most major emergencies, police, fire and ambulance crews only expect to have half of their personnel to be available. That is why CERT-trained people of any age are so critical, she said.

Dallas Fire Chief Fred Hertel said he's encouraged by the development of the CERT Dallas, both the teen and adult programs.

"I think it's great, anyone who wants to step up," he said.

Townsend said she wants to model Polk's teen program after Lincoln County's, where it is part of the high school classes.

"If we teach it to the children, youth, they take that with them into their adult life," she said.

Couple sentenced in child's death

By Jolene Guzman
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DALLAS — An Independence couple who were charged in August in the death of the woman's 2-year-old daughter were sentenced in Polk County Circuit Court Friday.

Rebecca Watkins and Codey Campbell both pleaded guilty to criminally negligent homicide and were sentenced to 36 months and 18 months in prison, respectively.

Polk County Circuit Court Judge Monte Campbell issued the sentences Friday.

They were originally charged with manslaughter in the first and second degree, endangering the welfare of a minor and first-degree child neglect. The charges were related to the Feb. 24, 2014, drowning death of Watkins' daughter, Noelle Watkins. Noelle was left unattended in the bathtub when the incident occurred.

Polk County District Attorney Aaron Felton said the pair agreed to plead guilty through a plea bargain agreement with his office.

Felton said while both Watkins and Campbell, Watkins' boyfriend, were

guilty of the negligence that led to the girl's death, the mother was more culpable.

"The mother physically put this child in the bathtub," he said, noting her daughter's doctor warned Watkins not to leave the child unattended in the bath. "This is a different (level) of negligence."

That led to prosecutors asking for 36 months, twice the presumptive sentence based on Watkins' lack of criminal history.

Felton said the remainder of the charges were dropped, in part because the defendants were willing to take responsibility.