Throwing Strikes



Dallas pitcher Keisha Sickles throws against North Eugene on Friday afternoon. Sickles gave up only two runs, but the Dragons lost 2-1 in the OSAA Class 5A state play-in game. Dallas finished the season 16-10 overall.

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By Ben Arnoldy

Solution on Page 9A

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.

Central: Panthers to face Pendleton next

Continued from Page 10A Pitcher Erin Cole threw a complete game, while also hitting a home run in the

Kaitlyn Noon added a double at the plate.

third inning.

"It's huge and something we've worked toward all season," George said. "It's hard to rely on one or two batters and depending on them to make things happen at the plate."

The Panthers advanced to the first round of the OSAA Class 5A playoffs as the 15th seed. Central plays at second-seeded Pendleton Wednesday (today) at 4:30 p.m.

Pendleton went 19-7 overall and 12-0 in Columbia River Conference play.

The two teams entered the matchup both scoring 248 total runs. The Panthers have given up 96 runs, while the Buckaroos gave up 99 runs.

"We know they're a really good team," George said. "They will come to compete and play solid ball. I expect a pretty competitive

The winner advances to the quarterfinals round on



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Central advances runners on base during the Panthers' 14-2 victory over Ashland on Friday afternoon.

Class 5A State First Round

What: Central at Pendleton. When: Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. Where: Pendleton High School. Admission: Adults, \$6; students, \$4.

What's at stake: The winner advances to the state quarterfinals round on Friday.

Friday to face the winner of

Liberty vs. Eagle Point. While Pendleton poses a big roadblock in the Pan-

thers' march toward state, George said her team is more than ready to take on the challenge.

"The girls are excited to go out and play," George said. "It's fun to have the postseason and we're excited to go. It's a little bit of a trek to Pendleton, but it should be a fun bus ride and a fun game."

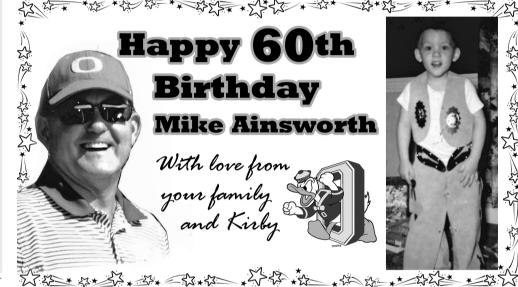
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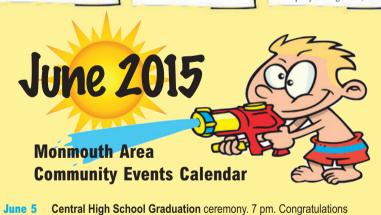
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June 8 - Aug 8 YMCA offering a variety of swim classes for all skill levels. Preschool (3-5), youth (6-12), and adult levels. There are many options for the swim lessons. Each weekday session runs for 2 weeks, and the weekend sessions will run each Saturday for 10 weeks. To register visit our office (301 S Main St. Independence). For questions and more information contact Natascha Cronin at 503-838-4042.

June 10 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! Drive safe out there! Have a great summer!

June 13 Rickreall Gun Show, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Buy ♦ Sell ♦ Trade ♦ Guns ◆ Knives ◆ Ammunition and More Food available on site. Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center 520 S Pacific Hwy W., Rickreall. Price - Adults \$6.00, Kids under 12 free, Free parking.

June 17 Rockin' The River at Rogue Farms 5 pm to 8 pm. Live music by The Morgans, a local rock group, with a fundraising auction. Food and beer for sale. Free admission — all donations go to help the Luckiamute Watershed Council plant native plants along Ash Creek. 3590 Wigrich Road, Independence. Gail Oberst, event organizer 503-871-1242, to donate items for auction. For more information on Luckiamute Watershed Council Ash Creek restoration, visit their website www.luckiamutelwc.org/ash-creek-restoration-project.html

June 20 Summer Solstice Auction -PCL's 19th Annual Art Auction! \$25 includes dinner, silent auction and oral auction, baskets and art. 5 pm to 10 pm. Eola Hills Wine Cellars, 501 S Pacific Hwy W., Rickreall. For more info. contact Gwen Whelton 503-838-2403

Every Tuesday May - October Polk County Bounty Market 10 AM - 3 PM Main St. Park Every Tuesday 10:15 AM, Toddler Story Time for ages 18 mos. to 3 yrs. Monmouth Public Li-

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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 con-

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,

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

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

Every 3rd Wednesday each month. BINGO at the Farm, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Come play BINGO in the Chatoe out at Roque 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 Wigrich 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 hor-

Every 2nd Thursday 7:00 PM Luckiamute Watershed Council (LWC) open meeting. Mon-

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

Every Saturday Riverview Market Now through October 9 AM - 2 Pm Riverview Park 50 C.

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!