SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
Baseball: American Legion: Crescent Valley at Demarini Dirtbags, 5 p.m. Division I Junior Baseball: Silverton at Dallas, 6 p.m. McKay at Central, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 16
Baseball: American Legion: Toyota Baseball at Demarini Dirtbags, 4 p.m. Division I Junior Baseball: Dallas at league playoff vs. TBA, TBA. Central at league playoff vs. TBA, TBA. Division II Junior Baseball: Dallas at state tournament (Willamette), TBA.

FRIDAY, JULY 17
Baseball: Division I Junior Baseball: Dallas at league playoff vs. TBA, TBA. Central at league playoff vs. TBA, TBA. Division II Junior Baseball: Dallas at state tournament (Willamette), TBA.

SATURDAY, JULY 18
Baseball: American Legion: Withnell at Demarini Dirtbags, 5 p.m. Division I Junior Baseball: Dallas at league playoff vs. TBA, TBA. Central at league playoff vs. TBA, TBA. Division II Junior Baseball: Dallas at state tournament (Willamette), TBA.

SUNDAY, JULY 19
Baseball: American Legion: Demarini Dirtbags at Withnell (DH), 1 p.m. Division II Junior Baseball: Dallas at state tournament (Willamette), TBA.

TUESDAY, JULY 21
Baseball: American Legion: Klamath Falls at Demarini Dirtbags, 5 p.m.

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Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

Rope Busters' camp Monday

DALLAS — Rope Busters' Jump Rope Camp will be held at the Lyle Elementary School Gym beginning Monday. The camp, which runs through July 24, will run from 9 to 11:30 each morning.

Cost is $20 per camper. All skill levels are welcome. Registration is open to all students in grades kindergarten through 12. Signups will be held the first day of camp.

Campers will learn short rope tricks, partner activities, long rope, double Dutch and routines.

T-shirts will be available for $10.

For more information: Jim Dent, 503-623-8074.

Kids' triathlon signups open

DALLAS — Registration is available for the Dallas kids' triathlon on July 24. The first race begins at 10 a.m.

The event is open to kids ages 5 to 12.

Kids will be split up according to age group (5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12). Cost is $15 for Dallas Aquatic Center members and $20 for nonmembers.

Those who sign up before July 22 will receive a $5 discount.

Check in begins at 9:45 a.m. on race day.

The first 50 kids to check in will receive a T-shirt. Course maps and distances are available at the Dallas Aquatic Center front desk.

For more information: 503-623-9715.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SHOWING HEART

Tallan won't let condition keep him down

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — It was a victory Tanner Tallan had imagined for years. Moments after Boise State defeated Arizona 38-30 in the 2014 Fiesta Bowl, Tallan, a 2013 Central High graduate, was soaking in the atmosphere.

"I grew up watching these games," Tallan said. "You never think it's going to happen until it's over with. It was unreal."

Tallan wasn't a player. But Tallan's path to becoming equipment manager/student assistant for the Broncos has allowed Tallan to live out his athletic dreams — just not in the way he expected.

A New Dream

Like many kids, Tallan dreamt of making the big leagues. Unlike many of them, Tallan, saw his dreams dashed before he ever had a chance to begin.

Tallan had an aortic stenosis and coronary artery anomaly that required emergency surgery when he was 5. Tallan's condition was fixed, but Tallan could no longer take part in strenuous organized sports.

"I could play at recess, but when it came to playing organized sports, I could only play baseball," Tallan said.

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Tallan File

- A heart condition prevented Tanner Tallan from playing all sports except baseball.
- Tallan serves as a student assistant and equipment manager for Boise State.
- Tallan graduated from Central High in 2013.

TENNIS

Tennis tournament draws 50 players

Eble, Youngren look to carry on tradition, increase appeal of event

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — As the Monmouth-Independence Tennis Tournament hit full swing on Saturday and Sunday, Mike McDougall of Corvallis called it "(Monmouth and) Independence's little secret."

If Central tennis coaches Dave Eble and Patti Youngren have their way, the tournament won't be one of the area's best kept secrets for too much longer.

Eble and Youngren took a primary role in running the tournament this year from Ron Warkentin.

They're hoping to continue what has made this tournament a tradition for more than four decades.

"This tournament has a homey feel and many people know each other," Eble said. "The ones who don't know each other get befriended quickly by the other players. It is very competitive, but does not have the win-at-all costs attitude."

This year's tournament saw about 50 participants, including several from Woodburn, as well as both parents and children.

"My favorite part is seeing the second generation of tennis players coming out to play with their parents," Youngren said. "Tennis is such a social sport and I love watching families share that experience."

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Tennis Tourney

• See Page 12A for photos and results from the Monmouth-Independence Tennis Tournament held on Saturday and Sunday.

CYCLING

Cycle Oregon showcases Polk County

More than 1,800 riders caught a glimpse of the Willamette Valley

LUKAS EGGEN/ Itemizer-Observer

Cycle Oregon provided a weekend getaway for cyclists of all ages.

Itemizer-Observer staff report

POLK COUNTY — Cycle Oregon attracted 1,850 cyclists, including 250 children, for Camp Oregonadogood on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The weekend family event set up camp at Western Oregon University and explored the surrounding areas, including Dallas, Independence, Monmouth and Falls City.

"We had a wonderful time staying in Monmouth and exploring in and around Polk, Marion, and Linn counties," Executive Director Alison Graves said. "We appreciated the welcome we received from the community as well as the university. Our riders were delighted with the beautiful scenery and hospitality of many small businesses."

The weekend ride is aimed at families to show off a different region of the state each year.

Polk County provided a unique backdrop, one that cyclists grew fond of quickly, Graves said.

This year, 27 percent of the riders were from outside of Oregon.

"The Willamette Valley is a treasure, and we were proud to have so many people enjoying it by bicycle," Graves said. "Many people expressed enthusiasm for returning to explore on their own."

For more information on Cycle Oregon, visit: www.cycleoregon.com.