

## 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."

### 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.

## 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,"



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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."

## SCOREBOARD

### FOOTBALL

Fourth Quarter  
P—Long 22 run (Gonzales kick)

Friday, Oct. 2 Game  
Western Oregon at Dixie State

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

Friday, Sept. 25 Result  
Central 8, Dallas 0

Team	League	All
Central	0 8 0	0-8
Dallas	0 0 0	0-0

Second Quarter  
C—Berroa 5 run (Holstad pass from Mendazona)

Friday, Oct. 2 Games  
Crescent Valley at Central  
South Albany at Dallas

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

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	2-1
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

Team	League	All
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

Team	League	All
WOU	0 0 0	0-0
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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

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  
NNU 2, Western Oregon 2

Saturday, Oct. 3 Match  
Central Washington at Western Oregon

Tuesday, Oct. 6 Match  
Concordia at Western Oregon

COLLEGE GNAC

Team	League	All
Alaska Anchorage	4-0	12-0
Western Washington	4-0	10-2
Central Washington	3-1	7-4
Concordia	2-2	10-2
Dallas	2-2	6-6
Northwest Nazarene	2-2	5-7
Seattle Pacific	2-2	4-8
Western Oregon	1-3	4-9
Saint Martin's	1-3	2-8
Montana State Billings	1-3	2-10
Alaska Fairbanks	0-4	0-11

Saturday, Sept. 24 Result  
Saint Martin's def. Western Oregon 21-25, 25-16, 23-25, 25-22, 15-10

Saturday, Sept. 26 Result  
Seattle Pacific def. Western Oregon 25-20, 25-23, 25-17

Thursday, Oct. 1 Match  
Central Washington at Western Oregon

Saturday, Oct. 3 Match  
Northwest Nazarene 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, Oct. 3 Results  
Crescent Valley def. Dallas 25-15, 23-25, 25-19, 25-18

Thursday, Sept. 24 Results

Central def. Corvallis 23-25, 25-17, 16-25, 25-13, 15-8

Lebanon def. Dallas 25-20, 25-12, 25-13

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
Country Christian	6-0	8-2