

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16
Boys basketball: Falls City at Mohawk, 7 p.m. Livingstone Adventist at Perrydale, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball: Falls City at Mohawk, 5:30 p.m. Livingstone Adventist at Perrydale, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 17
Girls basketball: Central at Sunset, 7:15 p.m.
Swimming: Central at Corvallis, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 18
Boys basketball: North Eugene at Dallas, 7:15 p.m. St. John Bosco at Falls City, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball: St. John Bosco at Falls City, 5:30 p.m.
Wrestling: Central Invitational, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 19
Boys basketball: Dallas vs. TBA, TBA. Country Christian at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.
Girls basketball: Central at Lakeridge, 7 p.m. Country Christian at Perrydale, 3 p.m.
Women's basketball: Western Oregon at Humboldt State, 2 p.m.
Wrestling: Dallas at Liberty Tournament, 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 20
Men's basketball: Willamette at Western Oregon, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 21
Boys basketball: Perrydale vs. Vernonia at St. Paul, 2:30 p.m.
Girls basketball: Perrydale vs. Vernonia at St. Paul, 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 22
Boys basketball: Central at Stayton, 7 p.m. Dallas at Roseburg, 7 p.m. Livingstone Adventist at Falls City, 7 p.m. Perrydale vs. Monroe at St. Paul, 2:30 p.m.
Girls basketball: Central at Stayton, 5:30 p.m. Beaverton at Dallas, 7 p.m. Livingstone Adventist at Falls City, 5:30 p.m. Perrydale vs. Monroe at St. Paul, 6 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

Golf tournament rescheduled

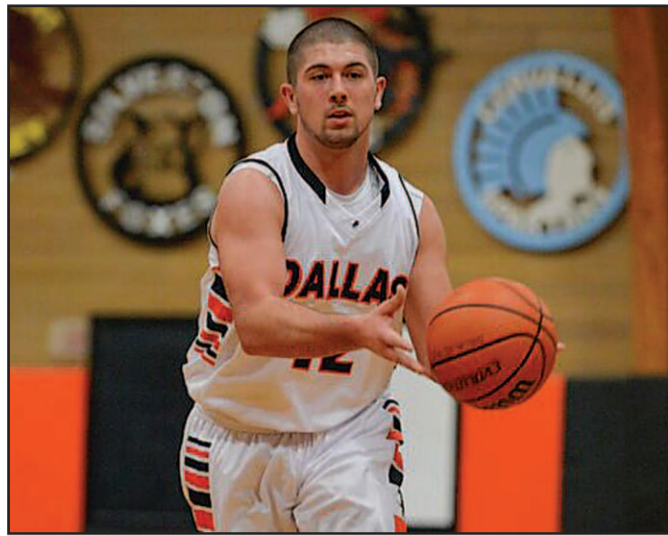
DALLAS — The Cross Creek Survivors Tournament, originally scheduled for Dec. 12, has been rescheduled for Saturday. All players previously registered will have entries moved automatically. Registration remains open for new players until Thursday. The three-person scramble will begin at 9 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for gross and net scores, long and short drives, long putts and closest to the pin. Cost is \$45. Players may form their own team or enter as an individual to be placed with others. Entry forms available at www.crosscreekgc.com/survivorstournament.html. For more information: 503-623-6666.

STAT SHEET

10 The number of boys and girls basketball games that have been canceled so far during the 2015-16 season.

DALLAS BOYS BASKETBALL

Laizure thrives on hustle plays



CALEB WALLACE for the Itemizer-Observer

Senior Mitchell Laizure looks to pass during Dallas' 45-30 loss to Mountain View on Friday night.

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Dallas senior Mitchell Laizure has become a master at a simple, yet rare trait — taking what the defense gives him. During practices, Laizure becomes a source of inspiration even for his coaches. "He'll do something ... that the coaching staff hadn't even considered," Dragons coach Trent Schwartz said. "Then we'll end up teaching what Mitch did as an option to the play. He has a very mature basketball mind for his age." Laizure, a 6-foot-1 post, isn't the flashy player. In-

Dallas

- Dallas lost to Mountain View 45-30 on Friday.
- The Dragons trailed 20-18 at the half before being held to 12 points in the second half.
- Dallas fell to 1-2 overall this season.

stead, he takes pride in out-working his opponents. "I've always been pretty good at hustling," Laizure said. "I've noticed this year the more you hustle, the more chances you have to get those rebounds, especially on offense." A lack of height on Dallas'

team means Laizure will play a lot of post during the 2015-16 season, likely against players taller than him by at least an inch or two. Laizure's basketball IQ is more than enough to make up for any difference in height, Schwartz said. "He's a great team leader who is a physically tough presence inside and can step out and knock down perimeter shots," Schwartz said. "He has a great understanding of the game and really does a solid job with the little things like finding open spots on post entries or in dribble-drive situations." **See HUSTLE, Page 11A**

CENTRAL WRESTLING

Taking names

Junior ready to join the state's elite wrestlers



By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — At the start of each wrestling season, Central junior Sam Crow takes note of one name. "Each year I find an opponent I want to beat and I make it my goal to beat them," Crow said. This season that name is a teammate — junior and defending Mid-Willamette Conference champion David Negrete. "David beat me all of last year," Crow said. "This year, I'm starting to turn things around. I think we're pretty evenly matched." Crow defeated Negrete in the finals of the 195-pound division at the Tillamook Tournament on Dec. 4 to open the 2015-16 season, but Crow knows that is only the beginning. It was Crow's older brother, Jordan, who inspired Sam to take up wrestling, but not out of a desire to emulate his

brother. "I wanted to beat him," Crow said. Crow received a quick reality check. "I thought you could do whatever you wanted," Crow said. "I thought the best way to win was to just tackle the person and take him down." He quickly learned there was much more to wrestling than that. Sam and Jordan never wrestled in any official capacity, but three years ago, Sam did take down his brother — and has a chipped tooth to prove it. **See NAMES, Page 12A**

Central Inv.

- The Panthers will host the Central Invitational beginning Friday at 10 a.m.
- Nine teams will compete at the invitational, including the Panthers.
- The finals are scheduled to begin at about 4 p.m.

PERRYDALE BOYS BASKETBALL

Janesofsky becomes a 'driving force'

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer



Janesofsky

PERRYDALE — As Perrydale junior Haylen Janesofsky warmed up before the Pirates' boys basketball game on Saturday, a parent standing courtside had one piece of advice — take over. Janesofsky did his best to accomplish that. The junior scored a team-high 16 points on Saturday. His points came from all over the court — from a 3-

pointer in the corner, a drive to the hoop for a layup and even a breakout dunk. "I know my range," Janesofsky said. "I know my limits and I try to stay within those limits." Although Janesofsky may be one of the "young" guys on the Pirates' roster, he's

Slow start

- Perrydale lost to C.S. Lewis 36-31 on Thursday and South Wasco County 39-33 on Saturday.
- The Pirates defeated Willamette Valley Christian 58-53 on Monday to earn their first win.

become one of the team's key players on the court. "I wouldn't say a leader, but I see myself as a driving

force for the team," Janesofsky said. "I want to play well so it opens holes for my teammates." Janesofsky's offensive outburst wasn't enough, as the Pirates lost 39-33 — in spite of a second half lead which faltered under the full-court press. Along with senior post Brant Barnes, Janesofsky forms the core of the offense, but coach Mike Lowry said the Pirates are missing one key thing.

"We're looking for that third guy who can be consistent," Lowry said. The start to the Pirates' season hasn't gone according to plan. Perrydale has seen three games canceled because of weather conditions and entered the week with a 0-3 record. The team's Achilles' heel has been the same — not responding to full-court pressure. **See FORCE, Page 12A**

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