

QUICK HITS

Rotary clubs host golf tournament

DALLAS — The Rotary Clubs of Salem, Keizer and Stayton will host a golf tournament on July 22 at Cross Creek Golf Club, 11875 Orrs Corner Rd., Dallas.

The four-person scramble begins at 1 p.m. with registration beginning at noon.

Advanced registration is available before July 11. Cost is \$125 per person and \$500 per foursome in advance and \$150 per person and \$600 per foursome the day of the event.

Tickets include 18 holes of golf with a cart, a raffle ticket and a buffet dinner following the tournament.

Dinner-only tickets are available for \$20.

For more information: Natalie Dunn, 503-584-1665.

BDST competes in Eugene

EUGENE — The Blue Dolphins Swim Team competed at a meet in Eugene June 24-26.

Elizabeth Dressel placed sixth in the girls 100-yard backstroke (15 and older) with a time of 1 minute, 16.89 seconds. She took seventh in the 800 freestyle (15 and older), finishing with a time of 10:52.56 seconds. Dressel also took 15th in the 400 individual medley (15 and older) in 6:06.71.

Kaitlyn Landis took 21st in the 200 individual medley (10 and younger) in 3:37.28.

Isaiah Dressel led the boys with a 16th-place finish in the 200 breaststroke (13-14) with a time of 3:46.90.

For full results, see www.polkio.com.

Kings Valley seeks interest in hunter program

POLK COUNTY — Kings Valley Charter School is gauging interest in a potential hunter education program.

The instructor would be available in mid-September. The course would be either over three days in the afternoons or an independent study program followed by a one-day class.

If interested, contact Jamon Ellingson, jellingson@kvschool.org.

Cross Creek men's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for June 28:

Two man scramble low gross/low net.

Gross: 1, Paul Disney-Lee Taylor, 32; 2, Rocky Kygar-Wayne Weathers, 33.

Net: 1, Larry Hatcher-Denny Klassen, 28.5; 2, Bob Sprinkle-Jim Schroeder, 29; 3, Don Seth/Eldon Rivers, 29.5.

STAT SHEET

335 The total number of participants in the Monmouth-Independence Mini-Marathon.

WESTERN OREGON

Avgi trades hardwood for gridiron

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — Of all the players on Western Oregon's men's basketball team, none received more accolades than Andy Avgi.

The senior forward was named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Players of the Year — for the second in a row — and earned a spot on numerous preseason and postseason All-American lists. Avgi, like his teammates Julian Nichols and Devon Alexander, is looking to turn pro.

Unlike his teammates, if Avgi has his way, it won't be on the hardwood. Avgi is taking aim at the NFL.

Prior to playing basketball at WOU, Avgi appeared headed for a college football career. He was a walk-on to Oregon State, a Di-

So long, basketball

- Andy Avgi was named the 2016 Great Northwest Athletic Conference's Player of the Year. The second season he earned the honor.
- Avgi led the Wolves in points per game (19.4).
- He also ranked first on the team in blocks, second in rebounds and field goal percentage and third in steals and assists during the 2015-16 season.

vision I program, but something didn't sit right.

"It was a hard decision," Avgi said. "I didn't want to give up basketball and I think I always knew that, but getting to play (Division I) football is hard to pass up. I knew what I wanted, though."

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LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer file
Andy Avgi led Western Oregon to the NCAA Division II Final Four, but will pursue a pro football career.

Hitting the pavement



EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-Observer
Runners take off at the start of the Monmouth-Independence Mini-Marathon on Monday morning. More than 300 participants ran the 2.6-mile race. Results were not available as of press time, but check out www.polkio.com for full results.

Central athletes volunteer at Monmouth Public Library

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — Central High School freshman Bailey Padilla paused for the briefest of moments — then she tackled a difficult challenge.

The girls basketball player wasn't trying to burn a defender. She was reading some long dinosaur names.

Padilla, along with a few of her teammates, was part of Monmouth Public Library's Fun Thursdays.

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LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer
Central freshman Bailey Padilla reads to kids at Monmouth Public Library on Thursday morning.

Going out in a blaze of glory



LUKAS EGGEN
Commentary

The moment had finally arrived. All the training (well ... at least a couple days of training) was about to come to fruition at the Monmouth-Independence Fourth of July tennis tournament on Saturday.

I was ready to show off my

newly developed skills and make Novak Djokovic proud — not that he was watching or anything.

All I knew was my first opponent in the 3.0 bracket (the lowest available) was Justin Toews. I didn't know if he was young or old. Skilled or new. Secretly I hoped for a young child who was new to the game.

Boy was I disappointed when I saw who I was going against. A man who looked to be in his 30s or 40s introduced himself as Justin.

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