

## QUICK HITS

### Petersen gets hole-in-one

INDEPENDENCE — Ron Petersen recorded a hole-in-one on Monday at Oak Knoll Golf Course in Independence.

Petersen recorded the ace on the 179-yard, Par 3 third hole.

### Cross Creek men's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for July 6:

Low gross/low net  
Gross: 1, Lee Gamaney, 37; 2, Paul Disney, 38; 3, Kevin Moen, 39.

Net: 1, Denny Klassen, 28; 2, Ken Ross, 32; 3 (tie), Wayne Baughman and Michael Winkley, 34; 5 (tie), Lynn Hurt, Ed Johnson and Larry Hatcher, 35.

### Registration open for camps

DALLAS — Registration is open for Dallas' youth boys and girls basketball camps.

All camps will run July Wednesday (today) through Friday.

Girls coach David Brautigam and boys coach Trent Schwartz and their staff will teach fundamental basketball skills, including ball handling, shooting, post and guard breakdown moves and defensive positioning.

The youth camp, for students in kindergarten through third grade, will run from noon to 1 p.m. at Lyle Elementary School. Cost is \$25.

A second camp for high school-aged students will be from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Dallas High School gym. Cost is \$50.

Both gyms will open at 11:30 a.m. for parents who must drop off their kids during their lunch break.

For more information: David Brautigam, david.brautigam@dallasor.gov or Trent Schwartz, trent.schwartz@dss2.org.

### Central junior baseball team wins state title

ALOHA — The Central (Monmouth-Independence) Junior Baseball team won the 2016 Midget American Championship Tournament on Sunday in Aloha.

The squad, consisting of 8 to 10-year-olds, defeated Philomath 4-3 in the first round on Thursday, Sherwood 16-3 in the second round on Friday and Glencoe twice (11-6 on Saturday and 8-6 on Sunday) to win the state title.

The team advanced to the state playoffs by defeating West Albany at districts to earn the No. 1 seed from the Valley League.

Full bracket is available online at [www.bsbproduction.s3.amazonaws.com/portals/7347/docs/ma%20bracket%2016.pdf](http://www.bsbproduction.s3.amazonaws.com/portals/7347/docs/ma%20bracket%2016.pdf).

## STAT SHEET

**3** The number of days the Mavericks Sports Invitational lasts in Las Vegas. The basketball showcase ends on Thursday.

## PERRYDALE FOOTBALL

# Riddell to lead Pirates in 2016

By Lukas Eggen  
The Itemizer-Observer



Riddell

PERRYDALE — When Perrydale athletics director Dan Dugan began his search for a new head football coach, he turned to Central athletics director Shane Hedrick for any suggestions.

"Shane told me you just need one: Duane Riddell," Dugan said.

Riddell was hired in late June to take over from Chris Gubrud, who stepped down as coach earlier this year in order to watch his son play football at Eastern Washing-

ton and his daughter play volleyball at Linn Benton.

Riddell didn't think for long before jumping at the chance to coach the Pirates' football program.

"I'm a 67-year-old man who has coached all of his life," Riddell said. "I got a call regarding the opening and I thought heck yeah, that'd be fun. I'm really interested and Perrydale has a great reputa-

tion academically and athletically."

Riddell's coaching career began in 1972 and has included stops at Central — where he led the Panthers to the 1983 state championship — McKay, Gervais and McNary.

"Duane is one of the better football coaches to have ever gone through Central without a doubt," Hedrick

said. "He has an extensive background in coaching. More importantly, he's a people person. There's a balance to coaching, especially at the high school level, between the X's and O's and loving and caring for the kids. Duane has what I would call the ingredients to have a solid program."

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## BASKETBALL

# Globe trotter

## Alexander heads to Vegas, then Germany

By Lukas Eggen  
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MONMOUTH — Las Vegas has long been a city where people go to bet big with the hope of hitting the jackpot.

It seems fitting that the city would serve as the setting where former Western Oregon men's basketball player Devon Alexander will go all-in as he tries to find his professional basketball home.

Alexander will compete at the Mavericks Sports Invitational, which began Tuesday and runs through Thursday. The three-day camp is by invite-only and attracts players from the United States and overseas. Alexander has said he just wants the opportunity to show what he can do.



Alexander

His chance has finally come.

"I know everyone is looking on paper and going, hang on, who is this Division II kid coming out to compete," Alexander said. "I understand there's going to be some Division I athletes, some Euro guys that played professional basketball looking to get an even better job or to keep their job. I'm excited to prove that I can compete at this high level."

The Maverick Sports Invitational assigns participants into teams of eight players. Tuesday was spent working with coaches and learning the team's offensive schemes. Wednesday (today) and Thursday will be spent playing games against other teams.

The Invitational is in its 14th year and has seen 240 alumni play professionally in the U.S. or internationally. McKinley Bryant, a managing partner at Mavericks Sports, said the invitational provides a chance for lesser-known players to make a name for themselves.

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Former Western Oregon men's basketball player Devon Alexander will travel to Frankfurt, Germany next week for a tryout.

## AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

# Dirtbags put aside rivalries for now



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Demarini Dirtbags pitcher Tucker Weaver delivers a throw against the Corvallis Marketmen on Wednesday.

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POLK COUNTY — Athletes often cite chemistry as a key to success. On a team where players have little to no experience playing with each other, developing chemistry can be difficult.

Not so for the DeMarini Dirtbags.

The Dirtbags, an American Legion baseball team, features a collection of players from Dallas, Central, West Salem and McMinnville high schools. Among them include Tucker Weaver and Tanner Earhart from Dallas and Peter Mendazona, Luis Amador, Luke McBeth and Humberto Alarcon from Central.

"Being part of a rivalry, you don't really think of those guys on the other team as people, more as players," Weaver said. "I know that sounds really cruel, but I think that's the best way I can describe it."

Once the summer season hits, those differences are put aside for a greater goal.

"Last year, I met Luis Amador and Pete

### DeMarini Dirtbags

- The DeMarini Dirtbags entered July 8 in third place in the American Legion Area III standings with a 5-3 record.
- The Dirtbags features players from Dallas, Central, West Salem and McMinnville.
- The Dirtbags advanced to the state semifinals in 2015.
- A full schedule is available online at [www.polkio.com](http://www.polkio.com).

Mendazona," Weaver said. "I got along with those guys and still do. They're great to be around. Becoming teammates and friends with them really changed the way I looked at our rivalry. ... Coming into this year during school ball, I tried to be a little more open to guys on Central because I knew there was a good shot at more coming along."

During the American League season, each team has a collection of talented players.

Luckily for the Dirtbags, a common passion unites them.

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