

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DEC. 8
Boys basketball: Falls City at Eddyville Charter, 7 p.m. Perrydale at Willamette Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball: Perrydale at Willamette Valley Christian, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 9
Boys basketball: Philomath at Central, 7 p.m. Dallas at Churchill, 7 p.m. Mapleton at Falls City, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball: Churchill at Dallas, 7 p.m. Mapleton at Falls City, 5:30 p.m.
Wrestling: Dallas at Rose City Tournament, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 10
Wrestling Dallas at Rose City Tournament, TBA.

SUNDAY, DEC. 11
Men's basketball: Portland Bible at Western Oregon (exhibition), 7 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 12
Boys basketball: Perrydale at C.S. Lewis, 7 p.m.
Women's basketball: Southern Oregon at Western Oregon, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 13
Boys basketball: Hillsboro at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball: Summit at Central, 7 p.m. Dallas at South Eugene, 6:45 p.m.
Swimming: Central at South Albany, 4 p.m. Dallas at Crescent Valley, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14
Boys basketball: Falls City at Jewell, 7 p.m. Crosshill Christian at Perrydale, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball: Falls City at Jewell, 5:30 p.m. Crosshill Christian at Perrydale, 5:30 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

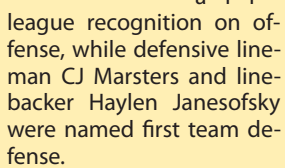
QUICK HITS

WOU game to air on ROOT Sports

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon's men's basketball game against Seattle Pacific on Feb. 4 will be one of three Great Northwest Athletic Conference games to be aired on ROOT Sports. The Wolves host the Falcons at 5 p.m. The 2016-17 season is the eighth consecutive season in which the GNAC will have games shown on ROOT Sports. ROOT Sports is carried in more than 3.4 million homes in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

Pirates earn all-league honors

PERRYDALE — Eight players from Perrydale's football team earned all-Special District 4 honors. Center Colton Moore earned first-team all-league recognition on offense, while defensive lineman CJ Marsters and linebacker Haylen Janesofsky were named first team defense. Defensive lineman Alex Hawes, running back Cooper Butler, tight ends Jacob Pope and Janesofsky and offensive lineman Marsters earned second team recognition. Defensive lineman Michael Magill, Butler (defensive back) and quarterback Daniel Domes received honorable mentions. The Pirates finished the 2016 season with a 4-4 record overall.



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STAT SHEET

4 The number of players on Western Oregon's men's basketball team who scored in double figures against Concordia on Nov. 29.

2016 ITEMIZER-OBSERVER ALL-REGION FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Running Man

Earhart sets school rushing marks

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-ObsERVER

DALLAS — Senior Tanner Earhart isn't quite sure when it happened, but at some point during Dallas' football team's 35-14 win over South Albany on Oct. 7, he suffered a high ankle sprain on his left ankle.

By The Numbers		
24	2,068	7
The number of rushing touchdowns Earhart scored during the 2016 football season.	The total number of rushing yards Earhart ran for during his senior campaign.	The number of touchdowns Earhart scored during Dallas' game against North Eugene.

He had a choice — sit out or play through the pain. The choice was easy for Earhart: play.

Fast forward to Nov. 11, Dallas was preparing to face No. 1 Summit in the state quarterfinals. The running back, along with a handful of other players, felt sick — but not due to nerves.

"I think it was something that we ate," Earhart said. See EARHART, Page 14A



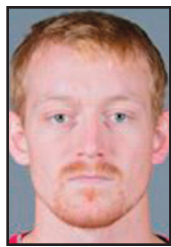
COLLEGE BASKETBALL

WOU wins GNAC-opener over Concordia

Itemizer-ObsERVER staff report

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon's men's basketball team opened Great Northwest Athletic Conference play with an 80-70 win over Concordia on Nov. 29 in the team's conference-opener.

Junior Tanner Omlid scored a team-high 19 points to lead the Wolves. Senior Yanick Kulich added 13 points and junior



Omlid scored 12. W O U lost to the University of Oregon 93-54 on Nov. 30 in a nonleague contest. The Wolves (4-4 overall, 1-0 Great Northwest Athletic

Conference) host Portland Bible Sunday at 7 p.m. in an exhibition game.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SPLITS CONFERENCE MATCHUPS: Western Oregon's women's basketball team lost to Seattle Pacific 68-59 on Thursday before defeating Saint Martin's 70-56 on Saturday.

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Snook led the Wolves with 19 points against Seattle Pacific, helping WOU enter half-time tied at 34. The Falcons outscored the Wolves by 10 in the third quarter to pull away for the



Miller added 12 points and 11 rebounds. Western Oregon (4-3 overall, 1-1 GNAC) hosts Southern Oregon Monday at 5 p.m.

CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Balanced attack leads to victories

Riddell, Mendazona and Chavez excel in first games

Itemizer-ObsERVER staff report

INDEPENDENCE — For much of the first half of its season-opener against Gresham, Central's girls basketball team seemed tense.

The Panthers came through when it mattered most, outscoring Gresham 10-2 in the fourth quarter to post a 36-30 win on Nov. 30.

"They were excited to get



Mendazona their first game under their belt," coach Julie McDonald said. "You're never quite sure where your team is at when you are practicing against yourself. It's good to see what you



Riddell have to work on, what they did well and move on from there. I thought they really settled down in the second half." Annika Riddell scored a game-high 14 points, while



Chavez 30 on Friday. Mendazona and Elizabeth Chavez each scored

13 points.

"We have a really good shooting class," McDonald said. "We didn't knock down some shots from the outside (against Gresham), but they can. We have a lot of different scorers to look to each night."

Central played Grants Pass Tuesday after press time. The Panthers host Summit Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-ObsERVER
Meagan Mendazona looks to drive against a Gresham defender on Nov. 30. Mendazona scored nine points and grabbed 10 rebounds during Central's 36-30 victory.

Candlelight Services

Christmas Eve 5-6 p.m. Christmas Day 10:30-11:30 a.m.

everyone is welcome!
 Childcare for ages 3 and under

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