

## SCHEDULE

**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.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 15**  
**Boys basketball:** Dallas at Milwaukie, 7:15 p.m.  
**Swimming:** Central, Dallas at Paul Mannen Invitational, 2 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 16**  
**Boys basketball:** Central at Stayton, 7 p.m. Perrydale at Falls City, 7 p.m.  
**Girls basketball:** Central at Stayton, 5:30 p.m. Dallas at Hillsboro, 5:45 p.m. Perrydale at Falls City, 5:30 p.m.  
**Men's basketball:** Western Oregon at Azusa Pacific, 7:30 p.m.  
**Wrestling:** Central at Central Invitational, 10 a.m.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 17**  
**Women's basketball:** Western Oregon at Humboldt State, 5 p.m.  
**Wrestling** Dallas at Liberty Invitational, 9 a.m.

**MONDAY, DEC. 19**  
**Boys basketball:** Cascade at Central, 7 p.m. Falls City at Siletz Valley, 7 p.m.  
**Girls basketball:** Cascade at Central, 5:30 p.m. Falls City at Siletz Valley, 5:30 p.m.  
**Men's basketball:** Douglas College at Western Oregon (exhibition), 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY, DEC. 20**  
**Boys basketball:** North Salem at Dallas, 7 p.m. Perrydale at Bandon Dunes Invitational, TBA.  
**Girls basketball:** Perrydale at Bandon Dunes Invitational, TBA.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21**  
**Boys basketball:** Central at Churchill, 7 p.m. Dallas vs. Redmond (at South Albany), 3 p.m. Perrydale at Bandon Dunes Invitational, TBA.  
**Girls basketball:** Churchill at Central, 7 p.m. Perrydale at Bandon Dunes Invitational, TBA.

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**Schedules Subject to Change**

## QUICK HITS

### WOU basketball game time change

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon men's basketball game against Northwest Nazarene on Dec. 31 will now begin at 2 p.m. The game was originally scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. The men's basketball team defeated Portland Bible 114-58 in an exhibition game on Sunday. The Wolves play at Azusa Pacific on Friday. WOU hosts Douglas College for an exhibition game Monday at 7 p.m.

### WOU women fall at home to SOU

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon's women's basketball team lost to Southern Oregon 72-50 on Monday night. Savannah Heugly scored a team-high 13 points, while Jasmine Miller added 12 points in the losing effort. The Wolves (4-4 overall) trailed by nine at the half. "I'm extremely disappointed with our effort and especially our lack of focus tonight," coach Holli Howard-Carpenter said. "We played on our heels and looked to pass rather than attack. We handled the press but made poor decisions in the halfcourt that gave them way too many extra opportunities. We didn't execute our scout either and that's so important when you're playing good teams." Western Oregon plays at Humboldt State on Saturday. "We have to bounce back this week, compete hard and get better before we hit the road," Howard-Carpenter said. WOU's next home games are Jan. 5 and 7.

## 2016 ITEMIZER-OBSERVER ALL-REGION VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR



# Leading the way

**By Lukas Eggen**  
 The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — It wasn't so long ago that senior Alex Dowdell was content with her role on Central's volleyball team. Since her sophomore season, Dowdell had been a key contributor on varsity, but she was never the one to take charge. "I was quiet and did what I was told," Dowdell said. "I followed and didn't lead." A plea from Panthers coach Claudine Mendazona changed Dowdell's tune in a hurry.

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## COLLEGE ATHLETICS

# Dearing to retire June 30, 2017

**Itemizer-Observer staff report**  
 MONMOUTH — Western Oregon executive director of intercollegiate athletics Barbara Dearing will retire on June 30, 2017. Dearing made the announcement on Thursday. "I have been blessed to have been involved with WOU Athletics," Dearing said in a press release. "It's been an honor to work alongside the coaching and athletics administrative staff whose focus has been about



Dearing

the student-athlete experience, and how that experience can help shape our future citizen-leaders. During my career, I've worked with many excellent university leaders, and outstanding student-athletes. I'll always be very appreciative of the



opportunity President Mark Weiss gave me when he appointed me director of the program; it has been a great experience to work for both President Weiss and President Fuller." Dearing was named athletic director in July of 2013.

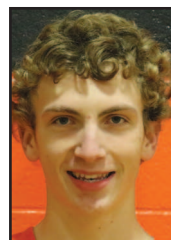
During her tenure, Western Oregon was awarded bids to host the 2015 and 2017 Division II Regional Cross-Country Championships and the 2016 NCAA Div. II West Regional Men's Basketball Championship for the first time. Four teams (baseball 2014, softball 2014, and men's basketball 2015 and 2016) won Great Northwest regular season titles and four teams (baseball 2014, 2015, softball 2014, men's basketball 2016)

won GNAC championship tournaments. WOU also saw 29 NCAA championship meet appearances by track and field/cross-country athletes. Four athletes were named Conference Players of the Year, six were named GNAC Newcomer or Freshman of the Year, and four coaches earned Coach of the Year honors. A search for a new athletic director will begin in January, WOU President Rex Fuller said.

## DALLAS ROUNDUP

# Boys basketball loses to Glencoe

**Itemizer-Observer staff report**  
 HILLSBORO — Dallas' boys basketball team lost to Glencoe 57-36 on Friday. Jake Collins had 14 points and a steal, while Jason Richey added eight points and three rebounds. The Dragons trailed by seven entering the final quarter, before being outscored by 14 in the final quarter.



Richey

one of the most talented 5A teams in the state," coach

Trent Schwartz said. "Our defense kept us in the game until the fourth, where we had a few breakdowns and gave away a few transition buckets to let them pull away." Dallas (0-2 overall) played Hillsboro Tuesday after press time. The Dragons play at Milwaukie on Thursday before hosting North Salem



Collins

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Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. and facing Redmond at South Albany High School on Dec. 21. "We need to rebounding and be more efficient of- fensively in the coming games," Schwartz said. "I love our energy right now, and we are playing together. Jason Richey is doing a great job running the point for us in Aaron White's absence. Jake Collins had a monster game for us attacking the basket off the bounce for us." See DALLAS, Page 13A

## Flying in



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Dallas senior guard Olivia Nelson attempts to drive to the hoop for a basket against North Eugene on Friday. The Dragons lost to the Lancers 39-37.

# Candlelight Services

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

*everyone is welcome!*

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