

Weather: January may become hectic for schools

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 “Finding comparable dates to make up one contest can be difficult, but to do it three times is really making our January very busy,” Dugan said. “We had to rearrange or cancel six

total JV and junior high games in order to accommodate the changed varsity league contests.”
 For coaches, the break can be a blessing and a curse. When school is canceled, so are all extracurricular activities.

The time off can give banged up players a chance to heal.
 But it can also be a frustrating pause to momentum a team may be building.
 “The conditioning piece,

that’s the part where it’s hard to get caught back up on,” Central boys basketball coach Tim Kreta said. “You can know what you’re doing out there, but it’s going to be tough to win if you don’t have the legs to

finish it. Then you have the kids who need constant reps who, after five days off and you’re calling a play, they may not remember everything.”
 After being forced to miss practices for more than half

a week, when players finally returned, it was as if the season was new all over again, Kreta said.
 “The kids were all pumped up,” Kreta said. “It’s the same kind of excitement.”

WESTERN OREGON ROUNDUP

Womens basketball picks up first road victory of the season

Itemizer-Observer staff report
 ARCATA, Calif. — Western Oregon’s women’s basketball team earned its first road win of the season after beating Humboldt State 69-60 on Saturday.
 Shelby Snook scored a team-high 23 points to lead the Wolves.
 “Shelby had a great night,” coach Holli Howard-Carpenter said. “She was focused on one thing and that was to get this win.”
 Sydney Azorr added 13 points and seven rebounds



Snook
 in her first start of the season, while Kaylie Boschma recorded 13 points. WOU (5-4 overall) is off until Dec. 29, when it opens Great Northwest Athletic Conference play at Simon Fraser.

MEN’S BASKETBALL FALLS TO AZUSA: Western Oregon’s men’s basketball team lost to

Azusa Pacific 82-71 on Friday. Bryan Berg had a team-high 17 points off the bench, while Tanner Omlid added nine points, eight rebounds and three assists.
 Ali Faruq-Bey scored 11 points, and JJ Chirside recorded 10 points. WOU struggled on defense, though, allowing Azusa Pacific to shoot 50.9 percent from the field.
 WOU (4-6 overall, 1-1 GNAC) is off until Dec. 29, when the Wolves host Central Washington at 7 p.m. The Wolves also host Northwest Nazarene Dec. 31 at 2 p.m.

FALLS CITY ROUNDUP

Boys rally to defeat Siletz

Itemizer-Observer staff report
 SILETZ — Falls City’s boys basketball team defeated Siletz Valley 41-37 on Monday night.
 The Mountaineers rallied from a 25-16 halftime deficit.
 Austin Burgess recorded a double-double, scoring 14 points and grabbing 12 rebounds.
 Jeremy Labrado also scored 14 points, including two free-throws late in the fourth quarter.
 Zach Varney added four points and eight rebounds.
 Falls City plays Trinity Lutheran at Damascus

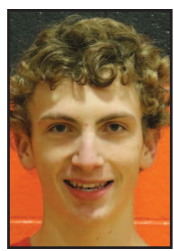
Christian Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. before playing Firm Foundation from Washington at Southwest Christian on Dec. 28 at 4:30 p.m.
 The Mountaineers’ game against Jewell, scheduled for Dec. 14, was canceled due to weather conditions. Falls City’s game against Perrydale was postponed until Jan. 30.
GIRLS BASKETBALL FALLS: Falls City’s girls basketball team lost to Siletz Valley 40-11 on Monday.
 The Mountaineers were without four varsity players who were sick or on vacation.
 “We saw some good things

and improvement from some of the freshmen and first year players tonight,” coach Micke Kidd said. “Olivia Hazelton and freshman Natalie Batie both responded well to starting and to an increased role.”
 The Mountaineers’ game against Jewell on Dec. 14 was canceled due to weather conditions. The team’s game against Perrydale was rescheduled for Jan. 30.
 The Mountaineers play St. Stephens Academy and Siletz Valley at Damascus Christian on Tuesday at the Valley 10 Tournament at 2 p.m. before playing Camas Valley at Southwest Christian on Dec. 28 at 3 p.m.

DALLAS ROUNDUP

Richey leads Dallas to comeback win over Hillsboro

Itemizer-Observer staff report
 DALLAS — Dallas’ boys basketball team defeated Hillsboro 60-56 on Dec. 13.
 Dallas trailed 44-34 entering the fourth quarter before outscoring the Spartans 26-12 over the final period.
 Jason Richey scored a game-high 28 points and grabbed a team-high six rebounds during the victory. He also had two steals.



Richey
 The Dragons hosted North Salem Tuesday after press time. Dallas will com-

pete at the Rebel Basketball Classic at South Albany High School on Wednesday (today), Thursday and Friday before playing at Hermiton on Tuesday and at Pendleton on Dec. 28.
GIRLS BASKETBALL EARNS FIRST WIN: Dallas’ girls basketball team defeated South Eugene 42-37 on Dec. 13 to earn its first victory of the season.
 The Dragons play at Hills-

boro Wednesday (today) in a make-up game.
BOYS SWIMMING DEFEATS CRESCENT VALLEY: Dallas’ boys swimming team defeated Crescent Valley 81-69 on Dec. 13, while the girls fell 127-36.
 The boys saw first-place finishes from Tyler Boggs in the 50-yard freestyle (28.57 seconds), the 200 freestyle relay team of Boggs, Christopher Campione, Wesley Tornow and Joseph

Cook (2:07.71) and the 400 freestyle relay team of Ryan Kennedy, Boggs, Gabe Applegate and Isaiah Dressel (4:22.16).
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freestyle in 2:05.83 and the 500 freestyle (5:38.10).
 The Paul Mannen Invitational was canceled on Thursday due to weather conditions.
WRESTLING TOURNAMENT CANCELLED: Dallas’ wrestling team saw a scheduled tournament at Liberty High School on Saturday canceled due to weather conditions.
 The Dragons will compete at the Northwest Duals Dec. 29-30.

PE: Elementary schools face large PE increase

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 “We’ve been working this for more than a year and a half on systems to implement,” Martinelli said.
 Creativity may be the key as it would be difficult to squeeze into the schedules the necessary additional PE class time, Martinelli said.
 “At Whitworth, our (fourth- and fifth-grade) P.E. teacher, his entire day is full five days a week. We can only get 80 minutes because there’s 16 classrooms,” he

said. “We might be able to do 90 minutes per week. For him to teach 150 minutes per week, the only way we could do that is to double and triple up classes.”
 Martinelli said some ideas include using the school’s once-a-week “team time” session as an opportunity to include more activity.
 “There are ways to be creative,” he said. “Maybe a morning warm-up session, which isn’t a terrible thing for kids anyway.”
 He said there has been a

suggestion that the legislature review the requirements in the context of cost for hiring more staff and facility limitations at some schools, but isn’t sure that will happen.
 While the minimum minutes are mandatory, there is flexibility in who can provide the instruction. Any activities during “team time” or in-class must be designed by a PE teacher, but can be led by other staff members.
 “They are going to find a way,” Martinelli said.

CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Boys defeat Cascade

Itemizer-Observer staff report
 INDEPENDENCE — Central’s boys basketball team defeated Cascade 57-46 on Monday night.
 Alec Barba scored 16 points to lead the Panthers. Andrew Barry added 15 points. Peter Mendazona, Peter Mason, Ivan Carter and Will Cable each scored 16 points.
 “We did a much better job with our energy on Monday,” coach Tim Kreta said. “Andrew Barry, Peter Mendazona and Alec Barba



Barba
 all hit early 3-point shots, and Will Cable did a great job on the defensive side of the ball down

low.”
 Central’s game against Stayton on Friday was canceled due to weather conditions.
 The Panthers play at Churchill Wednesday (today) at 7 p.m. Central will open the Century/Hillsboro Tournament on Dec. 28 against Tigard at Century High School.
GIRLS BASKETBALL LOSES TO CASCADE: Central’s girls basketball team lost to Cascade 48-39 on Monday. Stats were not available as of press time. The Panthers’ game against Stayton was canceled on Friday due to weather conditions. Central hosts Churchill Wednesday (today) at 5 p.m. and Summit Thursday at 7 p.m.
CENTRAL INVITATIONAL CANCELLED: The Central Invitational wrestling tournament was canceled on Friday due to weather conditions. The Panthers will compete at the Northwest Duals Dec. 29-30.
SWIM MEET CANCELLED Central was set to compete at the Paul Mannen Invitational on Thursday, but the meet was canceled due to weather conditions.
 The Panthers competed at South Albany on Dec. 13. Results were not reported as of press time.

Falls City: School missed date to appeal decision

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 Sickles said Falls City/Kings Valley may not be able to make its case after missing the deadline to appeal at the OSAA’s board meeting in December.
 He said the schools will try to get on the agenda in

February, the next time the group meets.
 Sickles said if the board won’t hear the appeal or if it’s denied, the two schools will reconvene to discuss a “plan B.”
 He said the options are keeping the co-op and playing at 2A on inde-

pendent schedules, dissolving the co-op, or dissolving it just for football and play a 2A independent schedule for the rest of the sports.
 “Once we get past the appeal, we will meet again and decide where to go from there,” Sickles said.

Taking it to the hoop



Andrew Barry looks to drive to the hoop on Monday. Barry scored 15 points during Central’s 57-46 victory.

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