SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Track and field: Western Oregon at NCAA Div. II Indoor National Championships at Birmingham, Ala., TBA.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11 Baseball: Western Oregon at Concordia (DH), 4:30

Softball: Simon Fraser at Western Oregon (DH), noon.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 12 Baseball: Western Oregon at Concordia (DH), 4:30

Softball: Western Washington at Western Oregon (DH), noon.

MONDAY, MARCH 13 Boys golf: Dallas at Canby Invite, noon.

Baseball: Central at Stayton, 4 p.m. Siletz Valley at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m Softball: Siletz Valley at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14 Baseball: South Eugene

at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.

Boys tennis: Central at Lebanon, 4 p.m. Woodburn at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Girls tennis: Lebanon at Central, 4 p.m. Dallas at Woodburn, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

Baseball: Central at Yamhill-Carlton, 4 p.m. Corban at Western Oregon, 2

Softball: North Marion at Central, 4:30 p.m.

Track and field: Crescent Valley at Central, TBA. South Albany at Dallas, 3:30

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

A new chapter

Wolves enter league play confident they will contend for a title

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — Pitcher Sammi Cadwallader is in the midst of her final season with WOU's softball team — but she's not the first in her family to take the field as a Wolf.

Her mother Kathy played softball on Western Oregon's JV team in 1988-89.

"It's really cool," Sammi said. "My



Sargent

mom and I have bonded over softball. My mom would catch for me when I took pitching lessons when I was younger. She was always there listening in with my pitching coaches. When I

was looking at colleges, what sold me was the atmosphere and the fact that my mom had played here. I wanted to play at the same school as her."

Now Sammi hopes to end the next chapter of her family's legacy at WOU by leading the Wolves to a Great Northwest Athletic Conference title.

Western Oregon enters league play with confidence. WOU went 9-6 in nonconference play — one of the team's strongest starts in recent

"Record-wise, this is one of the best we've done (in nonleague play)



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer Western Oregon seniors Ashlee Lynch and Sammi Cadwallader will play a big role in the Wolves' success.

in a while," coach Lonny Sargent with a 1.75 ERA in 28 innings of

A big reason for that is a strong start by the Wolves' pitching staff. Cadwallader carries a 4-0 record work into GNAC play.

As a staff, WOU boasts a 2.68 team ERA and has 48 strikeouts among

"I think I'm right where I want to be," Cadwallader said. "The pitching staff is amazing. I think we're in a good spot."

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PERRYDALE BASKETBALL

Pirates place third at state

Polk Pedalers to meet Saturday

PERRYDALE — The Polk Pedalers Bicycle Club will host a ride Saturday at 8 a.m. Cyclists will meet at Perrydale School and ride the Amity spring loop, a 30-mile course rated as

All ages are welcome. but children must be accompanied by an aduit.

Helmets are required. There is no cost to attend, and carpooling is available.

For more information:

Omlid earns league honor

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon junior Tanner Omlid has been named the Great



Confere n c e m e n 's basketball Defensive Player of the

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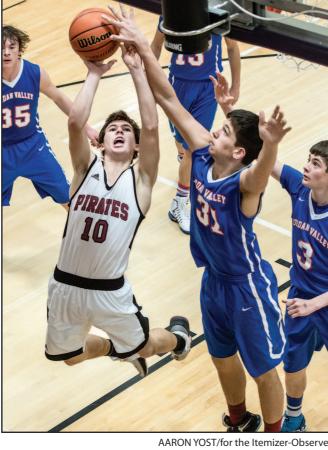
Omlid led the conference in steals (97) and led the Wolves in blocks (47), rebounds (237), assists (106) and points (486).

Omlid was also named first team all-GNAC. Ali Faruq-Bey earned an honorable mention. Faruq-Bey averaged 15.0 points per game and was second on the team in scoring, assists, and rebounds.

Western Oregon finished 18-13 overall and advanced to the GNAC tournament title game.

Local wrestler heads to state

INDEPENDENCE — Talmadge's wrestling team competed at the Willamette Valley Regionals. Brock Pierce won the 160-pound title and will compete at the middle school state championship this weekend. Manuel Vela, Joseph Pearson, Trevyn Lilly and Liam Sievers also competed.



AARON YOST/for the Itemizer-Observer Perrydale junior Cooper Bulter goes up for a shot.

By Lukas Eggen The Itemizer-Observer

BAKER CITY — Despite a

59-35 loss to eventual state champions Sherman in the 1A semifinals on Friday, Perrydale's boys basketball team still had work to do with a matchup against Jordan Valley on Saturday with third place on the line. "We knew what we

up against Friday (against Sherman)," coach Brian Domes said. "We gave it our best shot. We had a lot of kids tired, but I told them this is your last chance. I know you're tired, but you will have plenty of time to rest after this. I need 32 more minutes from you on Saturday."

The Pirates defeated Jordan Valley 48-44 to record Perrydale's best-ever finish at the 1A state basketball championships.

"We were wearing our white home uniforms for that game," junior Cooper Butler said. "We hadn't lost a



Butler

go undefeated being the home team.' That win felt amazing."

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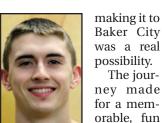
'let's do

this. Let's

Perrydale finished the season with a 25-4 record overall. The Pirates' accomplishments were numerous, including winning Casco League regular season and tournament titles, and earning the team's first trip to Baker City since the early 1980s.

"It was definitely thrilling," senior Haylen Janesofsky said. "It's exciting to be in a new situation. It's somewhere I've never been, and to do this with my teammates and friends, it made the whole experience fun."

From the beginning of the season, the Pirates knew



and excit-Janesofsky

as a team."

ing ride. "We had a sense of togetherness," senior Daniel Domes said. "We played together, never got on each other a whole lot, just played

The Pirates defeated Crosshill Christian 57-47 in the quarterfinals round on March 1 to advance to the semifinals.

"It means a lot," Butler said. "This is the best Perrydale has done at state for basketball. To see all the hard work pay off, it means a ton. We exceeded what we wanted to do."

Although they didn't win a state title, winning the thirdplace game meant the Pirates could go out with a victory.

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DALLAS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dragons rally falls short at Crater

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

CENTRAL POINT — Trailing seventh-seeded Crater 16-4 on Saturday, Dallas'

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a 14-11 record overall. Nelson was named first team all-Mid-Willamette Conference. Stefani Tallon was named second team allleague. Becca Ronco and Emma Classen earned hon-



season with Ronco



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Dallas' Becca Ronco, left, and Emma Classen, right, fight to control a loose ball on March 1.

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