

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Baseball: Dallas at Central, 4 p.m. East Linn Christian at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.

Softball: Silverton at Central, 4:30 p.m. Lebanon at Dallas (DH), 3 p.m.

Track and field: Western Oregon at Mt. Sac Relays, all day.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Baseball: Perrydale at St. Paul, 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.

Softball: Perrydale at St. Paul, 4:30 p.m.

Track and field: Falls City at North Marion JV Invite, 4 p.m. Western Oregon at Dallas, 4:30 p.m. at Mt. Sac Relays, all day.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Baseball: Western Oregon at Montana State Billings (DH), 2 p.m.

Softball: Central at South Albany, 4:30 p.m. Crescent Valley at Dallas, 4:30 p.m. Western Oregon at Concordia (DH), 2 p.m.

Track and field: Central, Dallas at Viking Relays, 3 p.m. Western Oregon at Beach Invitational, TBA. Western Oregon at Bryan Clay Invitational, TBA.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Baseball: Western Oregon at Montana State Billings (DH), noon.

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

Track and field: Perrydale at Rob Frank Invitational, 10 a.m. Western Oregon at Beach Invitational, TBA.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

Baseball: Perrydale at Western Mennonite, 4:30 p.m.

Boys golf: Central, Dallas at Tukwila (Woodburn), 10 a.m.

Girls golf: Central, Dallas at Cross Creek, 11 a.m.

Softball: Simon Fraser at Western Oregon (DH), 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Baseball: Crescent Valley at Central, 4:30 p.m. Dallas at South Albany, 4:30 p.m. Western Oregon at Saint Martin's (DH), 1 p.m.

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

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

Softball: Central at Crescent Valley, 4:30 p.m. Corvallis at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Baseball: Crescent Valley at Central, 4:30 p.m. Dallas at South Albany, 4:30 p.m.

Softball: Lebanon at Central, 4 p.m. Dallas at Silverton, 4:30 p.m. Sheridan at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.

Track and field: Central at Corvallis, 3:30 p.m. Dallas at Lebanon, 3:45 p.m.

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QUICK HITS

Cross Creek men's club results

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STAT SHEET

29 The number of strikeouts Dallas softball pitcher Kaelynn Simmons threw during three league games last week.

Adult recreation makes comeback in Dallas

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — When the City of Dallas decided not to rehire a youth/adult recreation coordinator, it left the future of the city's adult recreation program in doubt.

A group of adults who had been involved in a number of the Dallas leagues were hanging out in early February when they discussed an idea — although not seriously, at first.

"We were joking around about how we love playing

Adult rec

- Dallas, Oregon Recreation Inc. aims to offer the community a variety of adult recreation leagues.

- Co-ed volleyball begins Tuesday. Cost is \$25 per person or \$200 per team.

- A co-ed softball league will follow this summer.

- For more information or to register: www.dallasoregonrec.com.

basketball or softball and that we'd miss it," Shaun Bready said.

The more they talked, the more they realized this was no joking matter.

"People were telling us it's one of the things they looked forward to doing most," Bready said. "It brought people together, promoted healthy living and added to the small-town camaraderie."

A group, including Bready, Jeff Hevener, Megan Beyer, Jaime Hevener, Tyler Lalack, and David Brautigam, decided to form Dallas, Oregon Recreation Inc.

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LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer file
Dallas, Oregon Recreation Inc. plans to help put on another Glow Run this fall.

GIRLS TENNIS

Springing into tennis

Peffley not letting lack of experience hold her back



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Dallas senior Molly Peffley returns a hit against Crescent Valley on Monday afternoon.

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — When Dallas girls tennis player Molly Peffley decided to pick up a racket her freshman year, she didn't have years of experience.

She wasn't an avid fan of the sport, hadn't even played casually.

"I didn't know tennis was even a thing until I got to high school," Peffley said.

That hasn't stopped her, now a senior, from establishing herself as one of the Dragons' top players in a spot to go out her way — by having a blast.

"I would say to never be afraid to try something new," she said. "And make sure you work at it with everything that you have."

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Tennis results

• Dallas' girls tennis team defeated South Albany 7-1 on Thursday.

• Addie Gillette, Kinzi Boer and Karlie Dalke earned singles victories against the Rebels.

• Lynn Gumpinger and Julia Del Omo, Amanda Schafer and Megan Ronco, Kloie Totten and Makayli Laizure, and Morgan Bateyman and Payton Fast swept the doubles.

• Dallas lost to Silverton 8-0 on April 4.

PREP BASEBALL

Hard lessons start to pay off for Pirates

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

PERRYDALE — The 2016 season was a tough one for Perrydale's baseball team. The Pirates went 2-17, but coach Steve Mabry kept preaching a simple message — keep working and building for the future. That hard work is beginning to pay off.

Senior Colton Moore has seen all the ups and downs of the baseball program. As a four-year player, Moore has seen how much fun — and how frustrating — baseball can be.

"Last year after a few games, we didn't think we could win at all," Moore said. "This year, we believe in ourselves a lot more. Seeing how we do in practice and that we can be proficient in drills, we see that we can have a pretty good year."

The Pirates (1-2 overall) rallied for a 5-4 win over Country Christian on April 4 — the team's first victory of the season and a big moment, Mabry said.

Baseball

- Perrydale's baseball team went 2-17 in 2016. The Pirates entered the week 1-2 overall.

- The Pirates host East Linn Christian Wednesday (today) at 4:30 p.m. Perrydale plays at St. Paul on Thursday and at Western Mennonite on Monday.

- Perrydale entered the week in a tie for fifth in the Special District 2 standings.

- Three teams from the league will advance to the 1A state playoffs later this spring.

"It's a win we needed for those guys," Mabry said. "We've played in close games, but haven't been able to finish. We finished that game and it gives us a little momentum because now, we're in league."

Perrydale features a mix of players like Moore, Daniel Domes, Haylen Janesofsky and Alex Hawes who bring a wealth of experience. Mixed in are less experienced play-

ers who are still finding their way.

Instead of settling for another season spent building for future success, Moore and the other upperclassmen have taken it upon themselves to speed up the learning process.

"The older guys have taken on the mantra that if we're going to win, we need the younger guys," Mabry said. "They take a lot of ownership to correct even the little things."

That means pointing out tips while playing catch during warmups. The goal is to engrain in every player's mind that baseball might seem relaxing — but every moment could be the difference between a win or a loss.

"You have to constantly focus," Moore said. "One little break when the ball bounces unexpectedly and you're not ready, that can be the difference in the game. You have to think about a lot of different things at the same time."

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PREP SOFTBALL

Dallas makes early statement

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Dallas softball coach Brandi Jackson told her team be ready to go to war.

"This is a great conference, and on any given day, any one of us could beat each other," she said.

"It's going to be a battle to the top, honestly. Ultimately, who is going to come out on top is who is going to be the most consistent."

The Dragons made an early statement, defeating Silverton 5-4 on April 4, Central 2-1 on April 5 and Corvallis 4-1 on Thursday.

Dallas (5-4 overall, 4-0 Mid-Willamette Conference) had to rally against Silverton and Central, including scoring two runs in the top of the seventh to defeat the Panthers.

"We wanted to stay aggressive," Kaelynn Sim-

mons said.

After Central took a 1-0 lead early, the Dragons shut the Panthers down at the plate.

"The energy in the dugout is important," Jayden Wynia said. "We feed off of that. That energy was important that last inning."

The mental toughness to rally is key, and on defense, Dallas was able to keep opponents off balance.

Simmons started at pitcher all three games for the Dragons. She threw 10 strikeouts against Central and Corvallis and nine against Silverton.

"That's the one thing we do very well," Jackson said. "We're very consistent at it. We take pride in our defense."

When opposing batters did make contact, more often than not, Dallas' players were ready to make a play.

"We have each other's backs," Simmons said. "I know my defense always has my back. I have complete trust in them."

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