

QUICK HITS

Polk Pedalers to meet Sunday

DALLAS — The Polk Pedalers Bicycle Club will meet Sunday at the National Psoriasis Foundation fundraiser at Riverview Park in Independence.

To ride or volunteer, contact Marshall, marshall@marshallguthrie.com.

Cross Creek men's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for June 3:

Two-Man Scramble
Gross: 1, Rocky Kygar-Kevin Moen, 66; 2, Bob Bennett-Ken Ross, 69; 3 (tie), Wayne Weather-Steve Vedrode, Jim Schroeder-Ken Colliflower and Bill Karjala-Darrell Weaver, 71.

Net: 1, Vern Smith-Ray Stratton, 54.75; 2, Ted Bennett-Landon Ross, 59.25; 3, John Mangini, Sherm Ober, 60.5; 4, Darrel Johnson-Ed Johnson, 61.5.

June 6
Loss gross/low net
Gross: 1 (tie), Kevin Moen and Kevin O'Brien, 38; 3 (tie), Wayne Weathers and Jim Schroeder, 39; 5 (tie), Mike Puentes and Ted Bennett, 40; 7 (tie), Derrill Weaver and Lee Gamaney, 41.

Net: 1, Glen White, 31; 2, John Mangini, 34; 3 (tie), Vern Smith, Bob Hughes, Junior Carmona, Darrel Smedstad and Danny Klassen, 35; 8 (tie), Ken Dankenbring, Bob Bennett, Rocky Kygar and John Hopkins, 36; 12 (tie), Jack Duncan, Ken Ross, Larry Hatcher and Al Fahlman, 37.

Cross Creek women's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek Women's Club results for June 5.

Net: 1 (tie), Suzy Deschler, Shirley Watson, Laurilee Hatcher and Vera Fleming, 31; 5 (tie), Meri McLeod and Vicky Heffner, 7, Barb Largent, 34.

Registration open for camp

MONMOUTH — Registration is open for Western Oregon's speed and agility camps.

The camps are open for kids ages 6 to 18 and will run weekly July 5-Aug. 2.

Cost is \$25 per week or \$100 for all 13 sessions.

WOU strength and conditioning staff will lead the camps, which are aimed at helping young athletes to develop power, increase vertical jump, strength and flexibility and overall speed, while decreasing the risk of injury.

For more information or to register: www.wouwolves.com/news/2017/6/7/athletics-summer-speed-agility-camps-registration-open.aspx.

Sign-ups for tennis tourney have begun

MONMOUTH/INDEPENDENCE — Sign-ups for the Monmouth-Independence Fourth of July Tennis Tournament have started.

This year's tournament will take place July 1 and 2 at Central High School and Western Oregon University. Cost is \$15 for singles and \$25 for doubles.

The tournament features different brackets for different skill levels. Father/son and mother/daughter doubles categories are available.

The deadline to enter is June 27. Playing times and locations will be available once registration closes.

Make checks payable to M.I.T., 1040 Monmouth St., Independence, 97351.

For more information: Patti Youngren, 503-507-5760.

2017 ITEMIZER-OBSERVER ALL-REGION BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR



For the love of the game

Holstad raises game to new heights in '17

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Baseball is practically a part of Central's Jackson Holstad's DNA by this point.

"I remember my family used to go to Volcanoes games all the time," Holstad said. "My mom had some hookups and got us in the middle of the sky box. I always looked up to those guys playing at that level and thought, wouldn't it be great to do that one day?"

Holstad's love of baseball has only grown.

During his senior season with Central's baseball team, Holstad took his game to a new level. He led the team in batting average (.442), hits (38), RBIs (23) and home runs (6), as well as provided a steady rock in the outfield. Simply put, Holstad was a one of a kind presence.

"Nobody in the region put up numbers like Jackson did," Central coach Reed Rainey said.

His ability to spark the Panthers no matter what he's doing makes him the *Itemizer-Observer's* 2017 Player of the Year.

See **HOLSTAD**, Page 16A

Cycling event heads to Riverview Park

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

Cycling

What: Team NPF Cycle.
When: Sunday, 6:30 a.m. (Full schedule available online).
Where: Riverview Park, Independence.
Cost: \$25 plus \$150 fundraising minimum.
To register: www.npf-donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.event&eventID=652.

INDEPENDENCE — The National Psoriasis Foundation is on a mission to raise awareness about psoriatic disease — and it's ready to put rubber to the road to do it.

Psoriatic disease is an immune-mediated disease that causes raised, red, scaly patches to appear on the skin and affects an estimated 125 million people around the world, according to the NPF.

A little more than three years ago, the NPF was looking for ways to spread awareness and raise money toward treating psoriasis. Cycling quickly stood out.

"One (reason) is it's such a great form of exercise and developing overall good health," NPF employee Brian Willms said. "It can also be a very good form of exercise for those with psoriatic disease, especially psoriatic arthritis since it works to strengthen the joints without stressing them. Finally, bicyclists are a demographic that tend to be very giving and enthusiastic about the things they

do. This allows us to connect with a community to help further our mission while creating awareness of psoriatic disease."

Now, the NPF is ready to bring its mission to Polk County.

Team NPF Cycle begins and ends at Riverview Park in Independence on Sunday.

There are four different courses: 8, 26 and 62 miles, and a 1-mile family loop.

Registration fee is \$25 and there is a \$150 fundraising minimum (children 12 and younger are not subject to the minimum).

"We will have rest stops every 10 to 14 miles as opposed to every 18 to 20



COURTESY OF NATIONAL PSORIASIS FOUNDATION/Itemizer-Observer

The National Psoriasis Foundation has hosted rides around the country.

miles," Willms said. "We'll have plenty of bike mechanics and bike marshals to help ensure riders are safe and supported if they have an issue along the way. Fol-

low that up with our great party after they ride that includes two drink tickets (beer and/or wine for adults), lunch and a massage, and our ride becomes

different than others."

The NPF has been doing cycling events for more than three years across the country.

See **CYCLE**, Page 16A

DALLAS ATHLETICS

Booster club to raise funds for turf field



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer file

The Dallas Booster Club will raise funds to install a turf field at Dallas High School.

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

Editor's note: This will be the first part of a series looking at the possible FieldTurf installation at Dallas High School. Part two will look at potential benefits and drawbacks vs. grass.

DALLAS — Dallas High School may be closer than ever to finding out if the grass is truly greener on the turf side.

Whether to install FieldTurf is not a new issue at DHS, but Dallas Booster Club has called upon the services of an expert to help kickstart fundraising efforts.

Bill McNutt is a believer in FieldTurf — and it's be-

come a passion of his to help other schools to raise money.

"I've been involved with four of these projects," McNutt said. "I was Booster Club president at Sprague High School three times. In 2007, we installed FieldTurf. Since then, I've helped with West Salem High School, which did a resurfacing, helped with McNary and most recently, Silverton High School."

McNutt, who said he began working with Dallas Booster Club a couple months ago, said they asked the school district and high school administration for their blessings to reach out to the community.

See **TURF**, Page 16A