

QUICK HITS

Rope Busters to hold camp

DALLAS — The Rope Busters will hold a jump rope camp beginning Monday at the LaCreole Middle School gym.

The camp will run through July 21 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information: Jim Dent, 503-623-8074.

Cross Creek women's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek Women's Club results for July 3.

March play vs. par
Nine holes: 1 (tie), Carolyn Wall, Patti Stapish and Jerri Rich; 4, Suzy Deschler.

Eighteen holes: 1, Loretta Bishop; 2 (tie), Darlene Powers and Laurilee Hatcher.

Cross Creek men's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for July 4:

Low gross/low net
Gross: 1, Rocky Kygar, 38; 2, Bill Karjala, 39; 3, Jim Schroeder, 40.

Net: 1, Eldon Rivers, 32; 2, Wayne Baughman, 33; 3, Don Seth, 36; 4 (tie), Bill Bishop and Pat Farrell, 37.

Wolves name scholar athletes

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon University saw 21 student-athletes earn Great Northwest Athletic Conference Faculty Athletic Representative Scholar-Athlete awards on Thursday.

The Wolves had 17 female athletes and four male athletes earn recognition.

Female recipients: Rachel Bayly (cross-country/track), Jenna Compton (volleyball), Jessica De La Melena (soccer), Natalie DeLonge (basketball), Megan Drader (track and field), Alecia Falck (track and field), Morgan Haskett (volleyball), Breanne Ihara (soccer), Grace Knapp (cross-country/track), Selene Konyon (soccer), Virginia Link (cross-country/track), Sara Madden (track and field), Ali Nelke (basketball), Dani Payne (soccer), Machaela Rapozo (soccer), Morgan Roan (soccer) and Jamie Smith (track and field).

Male recipients: Nawai Ah Yen (baseball), Tyler Jones (track and field), Dustin Nading (cross-country/track) and Caleb Tingsad (football).

The award is given to student-athletes who maintain a grade-point average of 3.85 or higher.

Polk Pedalers to ride on Saturday

PERRYDALE — The Polk Pedalers Bicycle Club will hold its monthly ride Saturday at 8 a.m.

Riders will meet at Perrydale School for the club's annual breakfast round-trip ride from Perrydale to Amity (30 miles, easy).

All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by adults. Helmets required. There is no cost to attend.

For more information: 503-623-6533.

Titus 3 golf touney set for Saturday

DALLAS — The Titus 3 golf tournament will take place Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Dallas Golf Club, 11875 Orrs Corner Rd., Dallas.

The tournament supports Titus 3, a nonprofit women's restoration home. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with play beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch and awards will follow at around 1 p.m. with a helicopter ball drop at 3 p.m. Cost is \$75 per golfer or \$25 for lunch only.

For more information: Jody McGowan, 503-932-2167.



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Curtis Campbell took over as director of athletics at Western Oregon University on July 5.

New AD learns on the fly

Campbell brings 17 years of experience to WOU

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer



MONMOUTH — Curtis Campbell didn't know much about Oregon.

Born on the East Coast, Campbell had only been as far west as Illinois.

Yet, when Western Oregon University began its search for a new director of athletics, Campbell was interested.

"My wife and I have always wanted to live on the West Coast because we haven't before," Campbell said. "We saw that as a new opportunity and was something that was more intriguing about the position. I've spent a lot of time in the South and East. I saw living on the West as a positive."

What truly sold Campbell was meeting with WOU President Rex Fuller.

"I saw that the athletic program was competitive," Campbell said. "It seemed to have a good structure in place. I was really impressed

Campbell file

- Curtis Campbell officially began as Western Oregon's director of athletics on July 5.
- Curtis served as athletic director at Tuskegee University in Alabama from 2013-17.
- He has also worked as an AD at Blackburn College and Stillman College.
- Campbell's first job in college athletics was at the University of Minnesota.
- Campbell was originally a social worker before deciding to pursue working in college athletics.

with President Fuller and his vision for athletics and for the university. That was the biggest selling point for me. I thought that this is a place I'd like to be to help with his vision for athletics."

Fuller came away equally

impressed and, on July 5, Campbell officially began his tenure as athletic director.

For a while, it appeared Campbell's career was headed in a different direction.

"My undergraduate degree was in social work," he said. "I did that for probably about 10 years, but I knew that I needed to get a master's degree in order to get where I wanted to go."

It was rewarding work — but difficult.

"Anyone who has done any research in social work knows you can get caught up and burnt out because you see the plight of a lot of people, and it can be very taxing," Campbell said. "I started thinking, 'Where do I want to specialize in?'"

It didn't take long for Campbell to decide.

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MONMOUTH-INDEPENDENCE MINI-MARATHON

Annual race attracts big crowd

The 2.6-mile fun run draws more than 400 participants



STEPHANIE BLAIR/Itemizer-Observer

More than 400 runners and walkers took part in the Mini-Marathon on July 4.

By Lukas Eggen

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MONMOUTH/INDEPENDENCE — The crowd roared. Runners and walkers charged toward the finish in a blaze of glory.

A scene like this could only mean one thing — it was Mini-Marathon time.

The Monmouth-Independence Mini-Marathon drew more than 400 runners and walkers on July 4.

"Everything went well," organizer Terry Cable said. "We had great support and had more than 400 participants. It was a pretty neat event."

Cable's morning was a busy one, beginning around 5 a.m.

"I helped get the race started (in Monmouth)," Cable said. "Then, I got in my car and hustled down south of Monmouth to come in the back side of Independence to help at the finish line."

Cable serves as the lead organizer, but he said he's far from the only person who makes this event a success each year.

"It's a great event and is really a function of all the support I get," Cable said. "The Central Lions Club, the

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Willamette Valley Road Runners, and Monmouth Fitness Club, and Anytime Fitness are critical in putting this together."

The two fitness clubs played a particularly big role helping at the start and finish lines, Cable said.

About the only thing that didn't go as planned had to do with issues with the results — which may have caused a few names being dropped on official times online, Cable said.

Despite the hiccups, Cable said he was pleased with the event overall.

"It covers all different runner skill levels, if you will," he said. "We have people who just want to walk down the parade route and feel good about a fitness activity to some pretty elite runners who show up. It's a neat event for beginners to some fairly advanced runners. With the advanced timing, people can see how they compared to last year, or to others in their age group or overall. That's what makes it fun."