

Swinging for a cause



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Golfers prepare to putt at the ninth hole at Dallas Golf Course on Saturday during the Titus 3 Golf Tournament. The event raised money to support women living at the Titus 3 house.

Zone: Dirtbags rally for victory

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 “When I was younger, I struggled throwing strikes,” Stewart said. “But coaches focused with me on being able to hit my spots, and I know my defense will make plays behind me.”

Today, Stewart shows off impressive command of his pitches. Facing some of the state’s best baseball players is giving him new levels of confidence.

“I know that I’m playing the best kids in high school baseball,” Stewart said. “If I’m able to get these kids out, it will help me when I play next season to know that I can get anyone out.”

Coach Scot McDonald has seen firsthand Stewart enter as a talented, but raw, freshman, to one of the

pitching staff’s most reliable arms.

Stewart’s success on the mound has been coupled with success by the Dirtbags.

The Dirtbags entered Monday tied for first place with the Mid-Valley Southpaws in the American Legion standings.

“I thought we competed well (on Sunday), and I think we have played very good all summer,” Stewart said.

The Dirtbags will compete in a state regional on Friday and Saturday. The American Legion AAA state tournament begins July 26.

“We start well, and we turn it on when we need to at the end of games,” Stewart said.

Tourney: Registration is due by July 27

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 “My hope for this year is we have enough teams participating to hold a full tournament,” Kahl said. “When I first went to Todd Brewster and said I wanted to start this again, he’s so sweet, but was like, ‘oh, good luck getting people to sign up.’ I took that as a challenge.”

Kahl said that so far, interest has been strong, but with the deadline looming, time is running out to sign up.

“We have been getting a lot of interest,” Kahl said. “A lot of people are calling and asking questions.”

Kahl didn’t have to look far for guidance on how to run the tournament. The Oregon Hoopla is an annual

three-on-three tournament held during the summer in Salem.

“We definitely looked at their program and scaled it down to what we’re able to offer,” Kahl said. “They’re a well-oiled machine, and they know what they’re doing. It’s nice to be able to look up to them and format ours accordingly.”

The tournament won’t be the only basketball-related event. On July 28, a Dallas High School alumni game will be held at 7 p.m.

“I’m excited about that,” Kahl said. “Watching those old guys and girls get out there and stretch their legs, it’ll be fun.”

There may even be a twist.

“The high school has offered to let me dig through some of their vintage warm ups and uniforms so I can make sure they are outfitted properly,” Kahl said.

The three-on-three basketball tournament may not be the largest tournament around, but it’s one that will provide people with a fun way to stay active, Kahl

said. And she hopes it’s the return of a Summerfest tradition.

“It’s an opportunity for people to get out of their house and gives them something to do,” Kahl said. “It’s not going to be huge this year, but someday it would be cool to see growth and see it become a two-day event.”

Registration open for SummerQuest Scavenger Hunt

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 DALLAS — Registration is open for the Dallas High School Booster Club’s SummerQuest Scavenger Hunt Fun Run, held July 29 at 5 p.m.

Teams can contain two to six members, and walkers or runners are welcome. Each adult team member will receive a cinch bag to collect clues and artifacts along the route, and at least one team member must have a smartphone to receive texts from

the race director. Cost is \$25 for team members 13 and older and \$10 for team members 12 and younger.

The hunt begins at the Academy Building, where you will receive your first list

of clues. Teams may use any media to figure out answers to clues and directions. Any non-shoed form of transport is not allowed.

Each team member will receive a complimentary beverage (beer, cider or root

beer) that can be redeemed at the West Valley Tap House beer garden located at the Academy Building.

The hunt will lead participants through Dallas City Park and along the streets during Summerfest.

Proceeds will benefit Dallas High School athletic programs.

To register: www.runsignup.com/summerquest. For more information: trenda@DHSBoosterClub.org.

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