

QUICK HITS

Cross Creek women's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek Women's Club results for July 17.

Nine holes: 1, Nancy Rice, 2 (tie), Meri McLeod and Vera Flaming; 4 (tie), Suzy Deschler and Loretta Bishop.

Eighteen holes: 1, Loretta Bishop; 2, Laurilee Hatcher; 3, Connie King.

Cross Creek men's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for July 18:

Low gross/low net
Gross: 1, Kevin Birch, 37; 2, Lee Taylor, 39; 3 (tie), Bill Karjala and Mike Puentes, 40.

Net: 1, Al Fahlman, 32; 2 (tie), Kevin Ross, John Hopkins and John Mangini, 33; 5 (tie), Vern Smith and Jim Cain, 34; 7 (tie), Derrill Weaver, Jason Fahlman, Larry Hatcher and Don Seth, 35.

Registration open for eclipse disc golf

DALLAS — Registration is open for a disc golf tournament at Dallas City Park on Aug. 19.

The 18-hole tournament will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost is \$10, and the first 25 players receive a free gift bag.

There will also be family activities, including corn hole, jenga and volleyball. Concessions will be available.

Online registration is available at www.dallasorrec.com.

For more information: dallasorrec@gmail.com.

WOU women's basketball earns academic honor

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon's women's basketball team was named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's 2016-17 Academic Top 25 honor roll.

The Wolves recorded a team grade point average of 3.539, the top mark in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference and ranked 21st in the NCAA Division II.

WOU tied for fourth among all conference women's programs during the 2016-17 school year.

Dallas barbershop holding swim team fundraiser

DALLAS — Dallas City Barbershop will hold a raffle for a cedar ice chest with a custom plaque featuring the Dallas Dragons emblem on Tuesday morning.

Tickets cost \$3 or five for \$10. If you get a haircut, you also receive one free entry.

All money raised will go to the Dallas High School swim program.

Central baseball team wins state

INDEPENDENCE — Central's baseball team won a state title in the Junior Baseball Organization's Midget American level after going 4-0 at the state tournament July 13-16.

Central finished the season 24-2 overall.

Central's players included: Joe Mendoza Jr., Truman Swartzfager, Tylan Broadus, J.T. Girod, Jace O'Malley, Josh Rech, Owen Baker, Jacob Carrillo, Ryan Perkins, Santi Alarcon, Mo Garcia and Willie Valdez.

Coaches were Rob Perkins, Don Rech, Tony Baker, Mark Girod and Jake Carrillo.

To view a team photo, visit www.polkio.com.

Kids' triathlon out to entertain, energize

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-ObsERVER

DALLAS — If there's an event that provides the thrill of competition for the young ones — and provides the staff and spectators the joy of watching it unfold — it would be the Kids' Triathlon.

"It's usually pretty fun," Dallas Aquatic Center's Gretchen Noll said. "I know the (pool) staff is always excited to host the little ones."

This year's event will be held on Friday starting at 10 a.m.

Give it a Tri

What: Summerfest Kids' Triathlon.
When: Friday, 10 a.m. Check-in starts at 9:45 a.m.
Where: Dallas Aquatic Center and Roger Jordan Community Park, on Southwest LaCreole Drive, in Dallas.
Age-group triathlon distance: Ages 5-6 — 25-yard swim, 165-yard bicycle, 75-yard run. Ages 7-8 — 25-yard swim, 280-yard bicycle, 175-yard run. Ages 9-10 — 50-yard swim, 545-yard bicycle, 300-yard run. Ages 11-12 — 100-yard swim, 1,090-yard bicycle, 600-yard run.
Cost: \$20 for DAC members; \$25 for nonmembers.
For more information: Dallas Aquatic Center, 503-623-9715.

Participants will be broken down into age groups (5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12). Swimming, biking and running distances vary by age group. **See TRI, Page 13A**



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The kids' triathlon takes place Friday at 10 a.m. at the Dallas Aquatic Center.



Chasing his dream

Western Oregon junior Koty Fallon was named the Great West League's Player of the Week.

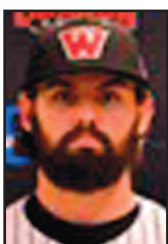
By Lukas Eggen
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PORTLAND — There's a motto that Western Oregon's baseball coaches teach their players: This pitch.

"We play each pitch like it's the last pitch we're ever going to play," junior Koty Fallon said. "We have to give 150 percent. Don't look ahead. Don't focus on anything else but this pitch."

Fallon is taking that motto to heart and hopes that it will one day lead him all the way to the big leagues.

Some kids grow up idolizing athletes. They dream



Fallon Fallon has dreams of playing professional baseball.

But it wasn't a star athlete that inspired him.

Fallon's father, Jeff, has served as a scout for the Chicago Cubs and Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim for the past decade.

"I've been around the professional baseball atmosphere about my whole life," Fallon said. "The pas-

sion I saw in my dad, it couldn't help but rub off on me and my younger brothers."

That meant getting to go on scouting trips and an insider's view of how a piece of the Major League Baseball operation is run.

Baseball wasn't just a shared hobby; it was their lives and literally helped pay the bills.

Along the way, Fallon became passionate — if not obsessed — with the sport.

"(My passion) is honestly the same that (my dad) has," Fallon said. "I lose sleep at night thinking about how badly I want to make it."

He knows it will be a

long road, but he doesn't shy away from that.

"Looking at the big picture, it's almost too overwhelming," he said. "You take it step by step and you think only of 'this pitch.' Whether that 'pitch' is hitting the gym and giving 150 percent and not worrying about what I have to eat later or if I have to hit later. That definitely helps."

Fallon appears to be headed on the right track. As a sophomore, he showed development and had 16 hits and 10 RBIs in 58 at-bats.

This summer, he's playing for the Portland Pickles in the Great West League, a summer collegiate wood bat league.

Fallon was named the league's Player of the Week after going 10-for-19 with two home runs and 15 RBIs, including nine RBIs against Yuba City on July 16.

"I've learned to slow it down, especially at the plate," Fallon said. "You have to take your time. We play almost every day, compared to college when we play one doubleheader on Saturday and one doubleheader on Sunday. I think we have, like, five days off in the (Great West League) season. Getting used to that grind and finding the right balance of resting and continuing to work out is key."

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Booster Club ready to send Summerfest on a hunt for clues

By Lukas Eggen
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DALLAS — The Dallas Booster Club has long played a major role during Summerfest. The club is bringing something new to the festivities on Saturday.

"We wanted to do something a little different," organizer Trenda Locke said.

In past years, the club has put on a fun run. This time around, they're sending people out on an adventure to gather clues about Dallas.

"I have a friend who has done a scavenger hunt, and she helped me come up with the route and the activities," Locke said. "We decided to give it a shot."

The scavenger hunt will begin Saturday at 5 p.m., when teams of up to six members gather at the main entrance of the Academy Building.

From there, teams will receive clues via text message to various locations around Dallas.

Teams must provide a phone number that clues will be texted to.

Some clues will be straight-forward, while others will require some quick thinking and detective skills,

On the hunt

What: SummerQuest Scavenger Hunt.
When: Saturday, 5 p.m.
Where: Academy Building parking lot.
Cost: \$25 adults; \$10 children (12 and younger).
Registration: Available day of.

Locke said.

"They are all things that you could easily come up with if you wanted to Google it or ask people in the community," Locke said.

The only rule is you must run or walk to each destination.

"There's no particular route you have to follow," Locke said. "Teams will have 10 things to do: Some of them, you have to take a picture there, others you have to collect something. Distances will vary depending on what order you solve the clues."

There will be an award given to the team that finishes first — as well as special awards.

"The other awards will be unique," Locke said.

Upon finishing, each participant can

enjoy a concert by Erotic City at 7 p.m. as part of the Summerfest closing celebration. Each team member receives a drink ticket for a beer, cider or root beer.

"We wanted to create something that encouraged people to get out and move," Locke said. "At the same time, we wanted it to be a little bit of a challenge and have a social aspect with the concert afterwards, enjoying a drink and just getting people out and enjoying themselves."

Locke said this will serve as a test to see how receptive the community will be to the scavenger hunt.

"Because (the fun run and scavenger hunt) are on opposite ends of the day and draw different types of people, if we did have enough people, we could do both," Locke said. "But we are just trying to figure out what and how we can do things for the community."

The cost is \$25 for team members 12 and older and \$10 for members 11 and younger. Day of registration will be available.

"Part of the fun run was how we were able to get people going through our town," Locke said. "This will do the same kind of thing and give people some recreational fun to enjoy."

Dirtbags head to state

By Lukas Eggen
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POLK COUNTY — The Demarini Dirtbags are headed back to the American Legion state tournament in Klamath Falls on Wednesday (today).

They're ready to settle some unfinished business.

"We're all trying to win it," Central graduate Jackson Holstad said. "The coaching staff, the players, we all have the mindset going in of winning the whole thing."

The Dirtbags advanced to day four of the state tournament in 2016, before being eliminated.

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Holstad