

QUICK HITS

Registration open for eclipse disc golf

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

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.

Polk Pedalers to hold eclipse ride

DALLAS — The Polk Pedalers Bicycle Club will meet at Courtyard Coffee House, 156 SE Mill St., Dallas on Monday at 7 a.m. The group will go on a 30-mile ride and stop in Independence to view the eclipse.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Carpooling available. For more information: 503-623-6533.

WOU softball to hold tryouts

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon's softball program will hold open tryouts Sept. 25 at 4:30 p.m.

Tryouts are limited to athletes who already graduated from high school.

Medical paperwork must be turned in by Sept. 15 and all other paperwork is due at least six days prior to the tryout to be eligible.

Forms are available online at www.wouwolves.com. Contact assistant coach Mariah Jimenez at jjmenzm@wou.edu if interested. Athletes must communicate with coaching staff to be considered for tryouts.

Cross Creek men's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for Aug. 7:

Low gross/low net
Gross: 1 (tie), Kevin O'Brien-Wayne Weathers-Steve Albin and Glen White-Ed Johnson-Kevin Moen, 33.

Net: 1 (tie), Don Seth-Lee Gamaney-Vern Smith and Bob Bennett-Jason Fahlman-Pat Farrell, 28; 3, Wayne Baughman-Eldon Rivers-Bill Hansen, 29.

Rough Stock Rodeo



Bill Peterson hangs on during a bull ride at the Rough Stock Rodeo on Thursday evening.

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The Hell on Hooves Rough Stock Rodeo returned to the Polk County Fair on Thursday. The rodeo featured bareback riding, saddle bronc barrel racing, bull riding and mutton busting. Results weren't available as of press time.



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From bull riding to barrel racing, the Rough Stock Rodeo provided a variety of thrills.



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Orrin Ouska competes in bareback riding on Thursday.

Rolling down the river

Great Willamette River Raft Race attracts teams for relaxing, fun day on the water

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Waves collided against the shore.

Sailors held on for dear life.

No, this wasn't quite the open seas. It was the Great Willamette River Raft Race.

The annual event, which took off from Riverview Park in Independence on Saturday morning, attracted sailors on inflatable rafts, homemade ships and rowers looking for a workout.

Six years ago, Joel Robinson and a group of friends were ready to tackle a new challenge.

"It looked like something fun to do," Robinson said. "We had floated the river quite a bit and looked forward to trying something different."

The group had canoed down parts of the river before, but they decided to build their own craft.

"That first year, we had a three-person raft," Robinson said. "It was cross-shaped and very rudimentary."

They were prepared for the fun — they weren't prepared for the length.

"We had canoed the river in the past and taken about two and a half hours," Robinson said. "The first year we did this, it took us about seven hours."

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Crew members embark on the Great Willamette River Race on the Philip Rivers boat on Saturday morning.

Great Willamette River Raft Race

- The Great Willamette Raft Race began at Riverview Park in Independence and traveled almost 12 miles to West Salem.
- The annual event featured hand-built boats to inflatables. Different boats began at different times depending on estimated speeds.
- Awards were given for different categories.
- Results were not available as of press time.