

Hanging on for dear life



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Eric Nelson, right, attempts to stay on his horse during the Rough Stock Rodeo at the Polk County Fair on Thursday evening. Results were not available as of press time.

River: Group tries to add new ideas

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But it didn't matter.;Robinson was hooked.

Over the years, the design of their raft changed to the two-story craft the group now boasts. The raft included a basketball hoop and slide — though some ideas have proven a little too crazy to execute — at least for now.

"We try to do something new every year," Robinson said. "That's our goal, at least, to mix it up. We've wanted to do a rope swing, but I have no idea how we

would figure that out. We've also talked about a bike driven propeller, but that hasn't come to fruition either."

Though there is a race going on, the main focus is on having fun, Robinson said. Whether that means enjoying a snack or going for a swim in the slow parts of the river with friends, the raft race is something he intends on being a part of for as long as he can.

"Spending a day floating the river with friends, it's the perfect way to spend a summer day," Robinson said.



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The Great Willamette River Raft Race on Saturday morning attracted inflatables, canoes and homemade rafts.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Wolves ready to go on the hunt

By Lukas Eggen
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MONMOUTH — Western Oregon's soccer program showed flashes of potential in 2016, but finished 5-11-1 overall.

Coach Steve Ancheta sees reasons to be excited about the 2017 campaign.

"I think we brought in a nice, quality class (of 11 new players)," Ancheta said. "We brought in a lot more depth to the program that will give us versatility and play players at different positions. Depth is also important in dealing with any injuries during the season. I think we're stronger in a lot of different ways."

Sophomore goalkeeper Caitlin Kastelic started 17 matches as a freshman and earned all-conference honorable mention.

"I think Caitlin is ready to have another great season," Ancheta said.

Midfielder Meli Cortez and defender Kai Mahuka, the team's lone seniors, will provide critical leadership,



Mahuka

Ancheta said.

"They've been around the block a little bit," Ancheta said. "They are ready to have a good season."

Outside of that, Ancheta said every starting positions is up for grabs.

"I think there will also be opportunities for some other players," Ancheta said. "We're looking for big things from the whole team."

Expect to see different lineups early in the season, as Ancheta tinkers with players in different spots.

Once the Great Northwest Athletic Conference season begins, the Wolves will have little room for error.

"I think there are a couple parts to being successful (in league play)," Ancheta said. "We've got to play really well. We've got to win some games on the road. We definitely play better at home than on the road. We



Cortez

need to get a little bit of luck. I know that's a funny thing to say, but there were a few matches

last year where we had chances to win and hit the bar. The last part is we've got to stay healthy. Last year, we had six quality players out for almost four matches. The season is too short (to deal with that)."

Western Washington, WOU's conference-opener, won the NCAA Division II national championship in 2016.

Players know the GNAC is an unforgiving conference, but are excited for the challenge.

"I think it's about grit for us," Cortez said. "We have to keep pushing through. Opening with Western Washington, that will be a great challenge for us and hopefully we can get that upset."



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Western Oregon's soccer team practices dribbling on Monday afternoon.

POLICE REPORT

Information for the police report comes from law enforcement agencies. Not all calls for service are included. The status of incidents reported may change after further investigation. Individuals arrested or suspected of crimes are considered innocent until proven guilty.

DALLAS

- Arrests/Citations
- John A. Day, 43, of Dallas, on SW Oregon Ave. on July 8 on second-degree criminal mischief.
 - Stephen R. O'Connor, 34, of Dallas, on SW Ellis St. on Aug. 6

on possession of methamphetamine.

- Michel Melick, 44, of Dallas, on SE Washington St. on Aug. 7 on second-degree criminal trespassing.

- Allen L. Martin Jr., 28, of Independence, on NE Kings Valley Highway on Aug. 7 on driving under the influence of intoxicants and possession of methamphetamine.

- Rachael A. Keys, 31, of Dallas, on E. Ellendale Ave. on Aug. 8 on possession of heroin.

- Brian E. Campbell, 50, of Dallas, on SE Mill St. on Aug. 8 on physical harassment.

- Joseph D. Arias, 24, of

Salem, on W. Ellendale Ave. on Aug. 8 on second-degree criminal trespassing. Arias was charged with a second count of the charge on Friday on SW Rainbow Ave.

- Casey J. Wyckoff, 20, of Dallas, on SW Donald St. on Thursday on possession of methamphetamine.

- Alma H. Johnston, 27, of Independence, and Kyle J. Pennington, 26, of Salem on SW Court St. on Thursday both on charges of possession of methamphetamine and second-degree disorderly conduct.

- Kevin C. Dill, 26, of Inde-

pendence, on SW Court St. on Friday on second-degree disorderly conduct.

- Jacob D. Womack, 22, of Salem, on the corner of Lombard St. and First Ave. on Friday fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, reckless driving and a parole violation.

- Andrew K. Weems, 22, of Independence, on Monmouth Cutoff Road on failure to appear warrant.

- Rowlando Amador Rivas Jr., 21, of Dallas, on E. Ellendale on Monday on second-degree theft and carrying a concealed weapon.

INDEPENDENCE

Arrests/Citations

- Adam Reyes Santiago, 57, of Independence, at Riverview Park, 50 C St., on Aug. 4 for second-degree criminal trespass.

- Kelsey Gayle Koenig, 18, of Keizer, at Marigold Dr. and Jasmine Circle on Aug. 5 for minor in possession of alcohol.

- Noah Anthony Pagel, 20, of Salem, at Monmouth and S. 10th sts. on Aug. 6 for driving under the influence of intoxicants and attempting to purchase or possess marijuana when younger than 21.

- Howard Edward Eaton, 48, of Independence, in the 100

block of Independence Way on Aug. 8 for theft of services — less than \$50, and second-degree criminal trespass.

- Lourdes Morales, 37, of Salem, in the 1100 block of Kelli Ct. on Aug. 8 for first-degree criminal mischief — vandalism.

MONMOUTH

Arrests/Citations

- Scott Alan Van Dyke, 41, of Independence, in the 400 block of Ecols St. N. on Aug. 3 for fourth-degree assault.

- Jonathan Myrie, 26, of Independence, in the 400 block of Main St. E. on Aug. 7 for fourth-degree assault and second-degree disorderly conduct.



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