



Senior sendoff continues

Saying goodbye to Hannah Albrecht



Hannah Albrecht continues The Sentinel's series on seniors who have spent their high school careers as Lion athletes. During her four years at Cottage Grove High School she's participated in track, volleyball, basketball and soccer and she's excelled in all of them. See page B2 for complete story.

Lions Start Road Trip 1-2, Split Doubleheader with No.1 Sisters

By Evan McClendon
For The Sentinel

After picking up two victories on Monday, Cottage Grove (7-2, 3-0 Sky-Em) began a six game road trip with a Tuesday game at Sweet Home (7-2, 2-1), followed by a doubleheader Friday against Sisters (11-0, 4-0). Prior to the start of Tuesdays game the Sisters Outlaws and Sweet Home Huskies not only held the top two spots in the Sky-Em, but were also ranked No.1 and No.2 in all of 4A baseball.

Due to newly implemented pitch count rules by the Oregon School Activities Association, both Brett Ollivant and Wyatt Sayles were unavailable on Tuesday, but were available to pitch in the doubleheader Friday. Cottage Grove would have to rely on pitching by committee against the Huskies, sending three different pitchers to the mound and eventually losing in a close one, 4-3. The Sisters doubleheader resulted in a surprising 10-0 Outlaws victory in game one, followed by a shocking 1-0 Lions victory in game two; ending the Outlaws perfect start to the season.

T.J. Bellamy, Mason Cox, and Hunter Gipson combined to pitch six innings against Sweet Home. However, pitching was not the story of this one. Cottage Grove had several opportunities to tie or take the lead, leaving a total of eight runners in scoring position. In all the Lions left 13 runners on base. Cottage Grove had two at-bats with the bases loaded in the top of the seventh inning with a chance to tie the game, but could not capitalize.

Defensive miscues also plagued the Lions; two of the four Huskies runs were unearned. As a team Cottage Grove combined for six errors in the loss. In response to his team's defensive issues head coach Dan Geiszler had this to say, "The good news is T.J., Mason, and Hunter all pitched well. On top of that, five of the six errors were all throwing errors, which are correctable fundamental mistakes. We walked away from that game feeling like we should have picked up the victory."

Game one of the Sisters doubleheader was out of the ordinary for both Ollivant and the rest of the Lions squad. With Ollivant starting on the mound it appeared to be the best chance for Cottage Grove to give the Outlaws their first loss of the season. Sisters had other ideas.

The Outlaws scored four runs in the first three innings off the ace Ollivant. Sisters broke things open in the bottom of the fifth inning, sending 10 batters to the plate. Six runs scored on a total of six hits and three walks. Alec Gannon won it for the Outlaws with a single that gave Sisters a 10 run lead, ending it without the Lions getting a chance to bat in the top of the sixth. Zach Morgan was dominant on

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10th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Around the Corner

By Jerry Thompson
For The Sentinel

On Saturday, May 6 five former CGHS athletes, a team, a coach and community contributor will be inducted in the Cottage Grove High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The CGHS Cafetorium will be the site of the ceremony which is open to the general public. The festivities will begin with a 5:30 social hour in the main entrance lobby near the main office of the high school. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at about 7:15. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and costs \$20 per adult and \$10 for children 12 and under. The meal choices are pot Roast and potatoes or vegetarian lasagna. Both meals include a salad, green beans, roll, dessert and beverage.

The five athletes who will be inducted are Celena Schirmer (Class of 1976), Ray Shoptaw (Class of 1970), Travis Hall (Class of 1991), Jeff Bascue (Class of 1992), and Zach Hall (Class of 1993). Donn Pollard will be inducted as a coach, the 2010 girls' basketball squad is the team which will be recognized and Mike Grover will be honored as the community contributor.

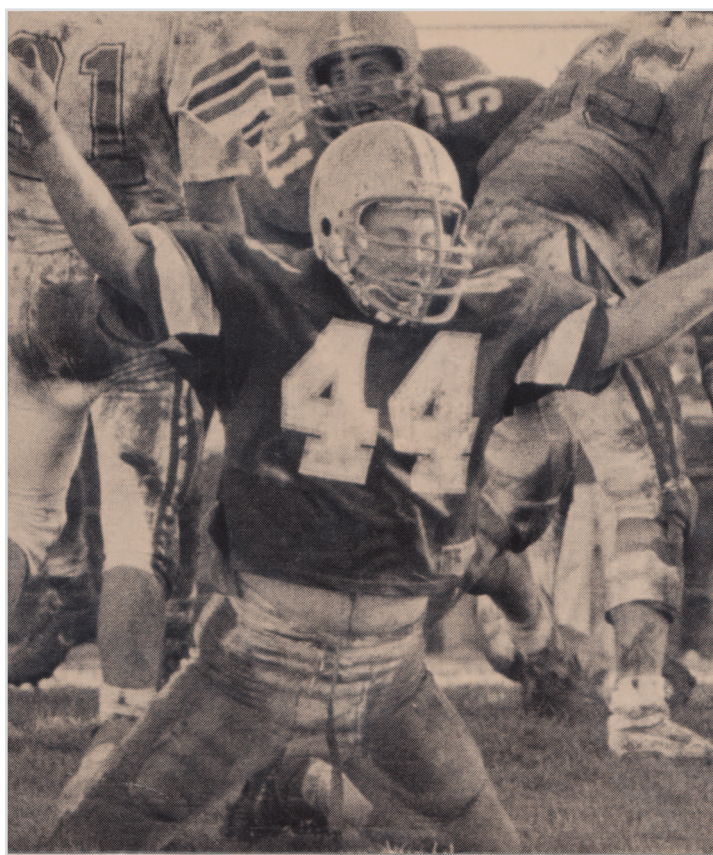
Celena Schirmer excelled as a sprinter in track in 1975 and 1976 before she transferred to Crescent Valley in 1977. Schirmer still holds the school record in the 100 meters (12.14) and is second all-time in the 200 meters (25.34). Schirmer held the 200 record for 39 years until Ahsha Mootz broke it in 2014 in a time of 25.03.

Tragically, Schirmer passed away in 2005 in Anchorage, Alaska, and to this date, all attempts to reach any family members have been in vain. If anyone has any information on how to contact one of her relatives or friends, please call the CGHS office at 541-942-2291 and ask for Lindsay Laycock.

Ray Shoptaw was a three-sport athlete for the Lions (football, basketball, and track and field) who excelled in the pole vault. After 49 years Shoptaw still holds the school record with a vault of 14'-8.5".

Travis Hall was a three-sport who was an outstanding fullback and linebacker in football and state runner-up in wrestling. Hall was the leader on the Lions' football team that made a run in the state 3A playoffs in 1990.

Jeff Bascue was one of the top scorers in basketball in CGHS history. He led the Sky-Em League in 1992 with 20.6 points per



game. He also played an integral role on the 1991 Lions' 3A State Championship team.

Zach Hall was another three-sport athlete in football, wrestling and track. Hall gained over 1000 yards rushing and was first team all-Sky-Em in 1993.

Donn Pollard was the Lions' head basketball coach for 25 years. He just retired from coaching at the end of this past season. Pollard's top achievement was leading the Lions to the 3A state championship in 1991.

The 2010 Girls Basketball Team is the only girls' sports program at CGHS to win a State Championship. The Lions won the Sky-Em title with an 11-1 record and went on to beat Marist for the state championship. The girls compiled a 26-2 record en route to their outstanding season.



Athletes of the Week



The Cottage Grove Boys Track Team won the 7 team Elmira Relays on Saturday and the girls team took 2nd place. Courtesy photo.



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