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Cottage Grove's Mae Locke scored for the varsity team with a pin over Sisters' Cheyenne Sproat last Thursday; it was Senior Night for Locke and Tanner Herbert.

Lion wrestlers take down Outlaws

Dual with Sweet Home looms large for Cottage Grove, Temple

BY MATT HOLLANDER
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The Cottage Grove wrestling team defeated Sisters 77-6 in a Sky-Em dual meet last Thursday. The Lions achieved pins in 10 out of 14 weight classes. Seniors Mae Locke and Tanner Herbert both celebrated victories in their final home meet. It was a particularly special evening for Locke, who contributed to the team's point total with a pin over Outlaw Cheyenne Sproat in a rare girls' varsity match.

This week, the Lions were scheduled to travel for duals against Philomath on Tues-

day and Sweet Home on Thursday.

Coach Kyle Temple said that the team's preparations have not changed for either of these particular opponents.

"Our focus will remain on the same aspects and skills that we need to improve on to be better prepared for the regional tournament (Feb. 13-14)," he said.

According to Temple, Philomath is a young team that is quickly gaining strength. He believes the Warriors are well coached and building a bright future.

Sweet Home has historically been a powerhouse in the state. Temple said that the majority of their team wrestles year-round

and is used to competing in large tournaments against top-level competition.

Husky Ty Schilling, who wrestles at 126 pounds, recently signed with Cal-Poly University. But Schilling is just one of many returning state finalists for Sweet Home.

"They are very strong from 106 lbs-152 lbs. I believe it may be a case of survival in the lower weights until we hit the middle and higher weights," Temple said.

Anchored by junior Andrew Bordeux (160 lbs.) and Adam Lamb (286 lbs.), both of whom are ranked in the state's top-10 in their respective classes, Temple believes the Lions are stronger in the upper weights. However, he also expects bonus points to play a deciding role in the outcome.

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Girls first, boys second in district bowling tourney

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The Cottage Grove girls' bowling team extended its dominant season by winning the league championship tournament last Sunday at Firs Bowl in Eugene. The boys finished a close second behind Marshfield.

The girls defeated a field of seven teams en route to the district championship and a trip to the state tournament. Cottage Grove edged North Bend by a mere 10 pins in the finals. Grace Stewart led the way by closing the majority of her frames and ended the day ranked second in the league's all-star standings.

While Stewart had an outstanding afternoon, coach Allen Perkins said that each team member made invaluable contributions over the championship season.

The girls' team is comprised of: Kim Smith, Fayth Stewart, McKayla Martindale, Melissa Miller, Olivia Perkins and Kaylea Davis.

The boys' team finished just 22 pins behind Marshfield in the finals. However, Cottage Grove secured a berth to the state championship with its second-place finish.

Lions heading to state include: Zach Thomason, Jessy Thomason, Chandler Bascue, Zach Bumgarner, Skyler Arnold and Austin Renfro.

Renfro finished the regular season as the district MVP.

The state tournament will be held Feb. 20-22 at the AMF Firebird Lanes in Salem.

Cottage Grove chess team defeats Sheldon

Chris Glesmann, Alex Reimann and Spencer Falk led the Lions' chess team to a 3-2 victory over Sheldon on Jan. 14. After the win, Cottage Grove stood sixth in the league standings.

On Jan. 17, Glesmann tied for second in the advanced division of the Winter Classic tournament held at South Eugene HS.

Committee makes HOF selections

The Cottage Grove Hall of Fame selection committee has announced the 2015 class, which will be inducted on May 9. This year's inductees include:

- Lowry Hoyer '51 — Baseball, Basketball, Football, Track & Field
- Wes Malcolm '52 — Baseball, Basketball, Football
- Bob Wiltse '77 — Swimming, Water Polo
- Melanie Woodworth '84 — Cross Country, Track & Field
- Kaitlyn Kronberger '08 — Basketball
- Bob Butler — Community Contributor
- Clive MacDonald — Coach
- The 2008 Boys Soccer Team

The committee has asked for help in contacting members of this year's class. When notified, inductees should reach out to high-school athletics secretary Pam Ewing (541-942-3391).

Committee chair Bill Thompson said that there were seven new nominations this year, which were added to a list that was started with the Hall's inception in 2008.

The committee evaluated the nominees on a variety of factors including awards, school records, all-state/league recognition, post high-school achievements and age.

"Obviously, we would like to honor people while they are still living," Thompson said.



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Ian Miller won the 100-yard fly in Cottage Grove's dual with Marshfield on Friday, Jan. 23.

Lions keep pace with the Pirates

Cottage Grove swimmers won seven races in dual meet against Marshfield

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Cottage Grove hosted Marshfield in a dual meet last Friday. And although the Pirates came out on top, 86-40 on the boys' side, and 88-70 in the girls' competition, the Lions remain on track to perform well at the district championships next month.

Sophomore Tori Raade paced the Lions with individual victories in the 500-yard freestyle (6:09.12) and the 100-yard backstroke (1:19.19). Although Raade beat her competition in the freestyle by over 30 seconds, she was a bit disappointed

about adding time in the event.

Fellow sophomores Sophia Edelbute and Clover Rudicel also swam to victories. Edelbute edged Marshfield's Hannah Delgada 2:30.09 to 2:30.68 in the 200-yard freestyle. And Rudicel led a 1-2 Cottage Grove finish in the 133-yard individual medley with Rose Witt. They recorded times of 1:47.03 and 1:48.57, respectively.

Sophomore Josh Ireland set a new career best in the 100-yard freestyle, breaking the one-minute barrier for the first time in his career (59.18).

"I've been trying to break a minute for a long time and I finally did it," said Ireland, whose closest com-

petitor finished 11 seconds back. "I just set a goal and told myself, 'There's no way I'm missing this.'"

Lion coach Tyson Pilling was very pleased with the progress that Ireland has shown this season and believes that Ireland could contend for a state-meet berth with a time in the low 50s.

Ireland also won the 133-yard individual medley (1:39.34).

Ian Miller continued his dominance in the 100-yard fly event. The sophomore won with a time of 1:07.53.

"It was about what I was expecting," Miller said of his time. "Not as good as I'd normally swim, but I wasn't feeling too good today. The workouts have been getting harder

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Athlete of the Week: Josh Ireland

Cottage Grove falls to Caillier, Bulldogs

Lions lose to Sutherlin 60-37; streak hits six

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SUTHERLIN — After losing close in three of their previous four contests, the Lions experienced a major setback in a 60-37 blowout at Sutherlin on Friday. Cottage Grove has now lost six games in a row.

The Bulldogs, who were beaten by Cottage Grove 57-56 in the first round of last year's playoffs, wasted no time in exacting revenge in their first game as Sky-Em foes. All five of Sutherlin's starters scored in the opening quarter as former Far West player of the year Noah Caillier was consistently able to slice into the paint and pass to wide-open teammates.

"We go as he goes," said Bulldog coach Tony Martineu of his star point guard. "If he's not scoring, he's getting other players involved."

In the second quarter, Caillier opted to inflict most of the damage himself. The senior scored 10 of his game-high 16 points while going 5-for-5 from the field.

"It was a challenge to prepare for this team because they have one very, very good player," said Lion coach Donn Pollard. "He's quick and really makes his teammates better."

At the opposite end of the court, Sutherlin's defense crowded the paint and sacrificed a few wide-open 3-point looks. But the Lions went 0-for-5 from beyond the arc in the first half, and sophomore guards Kory Parent and Blake Sentman were held to six points, combined.

"When Kory and Blake aren't

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Cottage Grove's Tucker Porter attempted to block a third-quarter layup by Sutherlin's Taelor Carson. Porter led the Lions with nine points.

