

# BOWLING



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March 7-8 in Portland. "I had been getting pretty hard on myself," Renfro said of his past two seasons. "So it really helped to focus more on the team instead of on my own game."

Renfro added that it has been very helpful to have the core of last year's team back and he has noticed a greater sense of confidence among them.

However, just like in 2012, the team's success could come down to a freshman: Chandler Bascue has been shooting over 70-percent on the season, and Owen said he is "as cool as a cucumber" under pressure.

"He may not be a strike shooter yet but he picks up every spare," Owen said.

Needing to replace the majority of last year's team that placed third at state, the girls had more than a few question marks heading into this season. And for a while, coach Kevin Carver didn't know if the Lions would make their fifth consecutive trip to the

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**Cottage Grove's Gracie Stewart will be making a school-record fourth trip to the state tournament.**

state tournament.

"With two freshman moving into the lineup, we were very green, and we started out a bit slower than normal," he said.

But during their third tournament of the season, Carver learned something very important about these Lions: they thrive on challenges.

"The girls were kind of ho-hum about competing, so we told them if they won we'd pay to go mini golf. And it worked," he said.

Since that point, Cottage Grove has been on fire. The Lions won three of their final four tournaments, including the District 4 championship in which they defeated North Bend by a mere 10 pins.

Despite some very talented groups in the past, it was the first time Cottage Grove won the district tournament. And to do so the Lions had to overcome old rivals North Bend and Springfield.

Gracie Stewart said that the victory brought a new level of confidence to Cottage Grove and answered some questions that she had about her teammates going into the season.

"With so many seniors graduating I expected things to be a lot different. Some of our up-and-comers had never bowled varsity before, and I knew that

teams like North Bend and Springfield, who had a lot of returners, could put pressure on young bowlers," she said.

Stewart — the only senior on the team — has been the building block of Carver's program and he said that she has been a natural leader of the young group.

"In the beginning we were pretty separated. But as we started to bond more around the tournament weekends, we became closer friends and then we became closer teammates," Stewart said.

While Stewart is the first in school history to qualify for four state tournaments, she isn't Cottage Grove's only high-powered bowler; Kim Smith joined her on this year's district all-star team. And that depth is part of what makes Carver cautiously optimistic heading into the weekend.

"If all goes right, I believe we can compete for the state title. But experience tells me that all it takes is a slip here and slip there to fall out of contention," he said.

The state tournament for both the boys and girls begins Saturday and will be held at the AMF Firebird Lanes in Salem. Teams will complete 30 Baker format games of qualifying before starting the 16-team, double-elimination tournament on Sunday.

# WRESTLING

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"I was hoping to win my [third-place] match but it's been my goal all season long to get to state, so I feel pretty good about that," said Lamb, a freshman, who placed fourth on Saturday.

Both Allen and Herbert lost in the semifinals before pinning their opponents in third place matches. Farrell had to defeat teammate Beaux Crawford in a wrestle-back for fourth place.

"Before the season, I was hoping we'd get four kids to the state tournament, and to end up with six was pretty good," Temple said.

Last year, Cottage Grove had

three qualifiers and finished 22nd at state. Temple believes that his crew has what it takes to finish in the top 10, but first they will need to manage the two-week layoff from competition.

"We're in uncharted territory now because historically there has only been one week in between regionals and the 4A tournament," he said.

Temple said that he hasn't yet mapped out the next two weeks, but rest will be a top priority.

"These guys haven't had two days in a row off since Christmas, so we may not do anything until Wednesday," he said.

As a team, Cottage Grove was on par for expectations with a

fifth-place finish in the regional tournament. Sweet Home dominated the competition with 359 points, and Cascade was second with 311.

Many of the teams above the Lions are senior-heavy, and Temple hopes that fact sunk in for his young squad, which will only lose Herbert to graduation this year.

"I don't want to predict anything, but if our guys wrestle how they should then we can be right up there with everyone else. And it's important for them to know they have that ability," he said.

## Saturday, Feb. 14

### 4A Special District 2

#### Championship Finals

**106:** Timothy Coblentz (STAY) by fall over Dallyn Ritchie (SUTH), 3:02. **113:** Kobe Olson (SWHO) by dec. over Ricky Yunke (SWHO), 5-0. **120:** Logan Humphrey (CASC) by dec. over Anthony Hardee, 11-5. **126:** Tyler Schilling (SWHO) by maj. dec. over Casey Roberts (NOMA), 17-7. **132:** Tyrel Miller (SWHO) by dec. over Kade VanDeHey (CASC), 9-

**2. 138:** Jake Porter (SWHO) by tech. fall. over Joe Rasmussen (SWHO), 4:22. **145:** Lane Stigall (NOMA) by fall over Joe Salsbery (SWHO), 0:39. **152:** Alan Bourdeau (COGR) by dec. over Jason Miller (SWHO), 5-2. **160:** Andrew Bourdeaux (COGR) by dec. over Nate Burks (PHIL), 4-1. **170:** Taylor Kahn (PHIL) by dec. over Daniler Folkerts (NEWP), 6-1. **182:** Spencer Crawford (CASC) by inj. over Hayes VanDeHey (CASC), 0:00. **195:** Daniel Regan (NEWP) by dec. over Matt Engholm

(ELM), 3-2. **220:** Malachi Gonzalez (CASC) by dec. over Jeffre Schaefer (CASC), 9-2. **285:** Zane Wardwell (ELM) by fall over Thomas Smalley (SUTH), 3:06.

**Team Scores:** 1, Sweet Home 359.0. 2, Cascade 311.0. 3, North Marion, 217.0. 4, Elmira 203.5. 5, Cottage Grove 173.5. 6, Philomath 134.0. 7, Sutherlin 130.5. 8, Stayton 111.5. 9, Newport 82.0. 10, Sisters 54.0. 11, Junction City 48.5. 12, Yamhill-Carlton 42.0.

## Sky-Em Boys Basketball

	Conference		Overall			
	W	L	Pct	Pct		
Sutherlin	8	0	1.000	16	6	0.727
Sisters	6	2	0.750	13	7	0.650
Junction C.	6	2	0.750	14	8	0.636
Elmira	2	6	0.250	9	13	0.409
Sweet Home	2	6	0.250	6	12	0.333
Cott. Grove	0	8	0.000	4	18	0.182

## Tuesday's Results

Junction City 52, Cottage Grove 41  
Sisters 45, Sweet Home 27  
Sutherlin 70, Elmira 58

## Friday's Results

Sutherlin 67, Cottage Grove 58  
Elmira 48, Sweet Home 27  
Junction City 51, Sisters 34

## Tuesday's Games

Sweet Home @ Cottage Grove 7:15 p.m.  
Junction City @ Sutherlin  
Elmira @ Sisters

## Friday's Games

Cottage Grove @ Elmira 7:15 p.m.  
Junction City @ Sweet Home  
Sisters @ Sutherlin

## Sky-Em Girls Basketball

	Conference		Overall			
	W	L	Pct	Pct		
Sutherlin	8	0	1.000	22	0	1.000
Cott. Grove	5	3	0.625	12	10	0.545
Junction C.	4	4	0.500	11	11	0.500
Sisters	4	4	0.500	9	12	0.429
Elmira	3	5	0.375	6	14	0.300
Sweet Home	0	8	0.000	1	17	0.056

## Tuesday's Results

Cottage Grove 47, Junction City 32  
Sisters 53, Sweet Home 21  
Sutherlin 80, Elmira 26

## Friday's Results

Sutherlin 45, Cottage Grove 24  
Elmira 44, Sweet Home 27  
Junction City 36, Sisters 30



## Tuesday's Games

Sweet Home @ Cottage Grove 5:45 p.m.  
Junction City @ Sutherlin  
Elmira @ Sisters

## Friday's Games

Cottage Grove @ Elmira 5:45 p.m.  
Junction City @ Sweet Home  
Sisters @ Sutherlin

## COTTAGE BOWL

**League: Dynamic Trios**  
**Date: Feb. 10**

Team	W	L
Golding Enterprises	8	0
Grandma's Rule	8	0
H's Rowdy Bunch	5	3
Swearengin Design	5	3
Advanced Eyecare	5	3
Cottage Bowlerettes	4	4
H. Selective Log.	2	6
New Creations	2	6
K. Family Merc.	1	7
R's Beauty Salon	0	6

**High Game:** Debbie Saldana 232

**Three-high Series**  
1. Debbie Saldana 541  
2. Patsy McNally 521  
3. Jeralee Swearengin 495

**League: Ball and Chain**  
**Date: Feb. 13**

Team	W	L
Party Patrol	32	12
Bowl Dozers	32	12
Roman Numerals	32	12
Senior Funsters	25	19
Pin Pushers	20.5	23.5
Thunderboltz	19.5	24.5
Joe's Diner	17	27
More Beer	14	30
Cracker Jacks	14	30
Ally Oops	14	30

**High Game**

Men: Larry Sachs 255  
Women: Callena True 242  
**Men Three-high series**

- Larry Sachs 705
- Don Cox 654
- Bob McCarty 652

## Women Three-high Series

- Vanessa Chenoweth 615
- Callena True 613
- Koleen Kelly 606

**League: Cottage Mixers**  
**Date: Feb. 11**

Team	W	L
Cottage Bowl	56	21
CG Speedway	45	32
Covered Bridge U	45	32
Bowling Stones	43	34
Jerry Brown Co.	38	39
Taylor's Towing	37	40
Kelly Trailer R.	36	41
Funseekers	34	43
Commonwealth F.	30	47
Swearengin Design	21	56

**High Game**

Men: Ernie Owen 249  
Women: Kayla Simmons 249  
**High Series**  
Men: Ernie Owen 742  
Women: Kayla Simmons 539

**League: 5 O'Clock Shadows**  
**Date: Feb. 8**

Team	W	L
V. Richenstain	33	11
4 U Simple	28	16
Mid-State	27	17
Ames to be True	26	18
Amigos Quatro	25	19
All in the Family	24.5	19.5
Aces High	24	20
Book Mine	22.5	21.5
Jim's Tire Factory	18	26
CG Vac & Sew	17	27
Jenni & the Jets 2	14	30

**High Game**

Men: Mick Batchelor 238  
Women: Callena True 225  
**Men Three-high series**  
1. Don Perkins 664  
2. Mick Batchelor 624  
3. Don Fitzgerald 593

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