

Upcoming Opportunities

Lauraine’s ATA Martial Arts is hosting a spring break camp, March 23-27, open to ages seven and up. During the camp, participants will have the opportunity to advance a belt level.

New students will receive a uniform, safety equipment package, a one-year membership to the American Taekwondo Association (ATA), a waiver for their first testing and an offer to continue training with Lauraine’s ATA Martial Arts for \$99 per month.

Existing students will learn an all-new form in board breaks, self-defense and weapon training; testing fees are included.

Each session runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$199. To register, call 541-942-0215.

Cottage Grove High School track and field is hosting a spring break camp, March 23-25, for kids in grades 3-8.

Athletes will participate in activities including, but not limited to, shot put, turbo javelin, discus, high jump, long jump, hurdles and various running events.

Emphasis will be put on learning the five bi-motor skills (speed, flexibility, coordination, strength and endurance) through participation in dynamic activities, events and games. Athletes will learn basic mechanics of running, jumping and throwing.

Cost is \$30 (if registered by March 13; \$40 afterward) and includes a t-shirt. The first two days of camp run from 1 to 3 p.m. The final day of camp will run from 1 to 4 p.m. and features a track meet in which athletes can enter to compete in up to four events.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has openings in several hunter education classes coming up this spring.

“Spring is a great time to take hunter education,” said education coordinator James Reed. “Many classes are available and it’s well before the fall rush. Students who take a March class could even get certified in time for spring turkey season (April 15-May31).”

Hunter education students take the course in a conventional classroom setting or by completing a workbook or online course. Independent study students must also participate in a field day.

For more information, visit www.dfw.state.or.us.

WALKER

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Walker was only at North Park for one year when Pawlikowski was offered the head-coaching job at her alma mater, Northern Illinois. Walker opted follow her coach to the Division I level and joined the Huskies as a walk-on at libero.

After being forced to sit out a year due to NCAA transfer rules, Walker earned an athletic scholarship and became a decorated player on some very successful Husky teams.

As a junior, Walker helped the Huskies earn a berth in the NCAA tournament. And during her senior campaign, she led the team to a Mid-American Conference championship and earned Second Team ALL-MAC.

With her college career complete, Walker considered her options. Playing overseas was an option, but she determined that there were too many unknowns. Walker then recalled all of the times that she and her teammates had gone to play in the sand at Chicago’s North Beach.

“We had talked early on in career her about continuing on to the sand, and when that time came it really was a no-brainer,” said Pawlikowski, who’s now the head coach at Stony Brook University. “She had great technique and skill for the indoor game, and her experience at multiple positions gave her a huge advantage.”

Walker first started playing competitive beach volleyball while living in Portland in 2013. Though she was hooked right away, Walker said there was still an adjustment period to the foreign surface.

“The element of sand makes it a completely different world. Here I was a collegiate volleyball player and 60-year-old women were moving better than me,” she said.

Coincidentally, Walker’s transition to libero gave her the skills to excel in the sand.

“Beach volleyball is all about ball-control, athleticism and smarts, which the libero position certainly requires,” she said.

The following year, Walker moved to northern California and began training with some of the best players in the East Bay.

The beach volleyball community — even in the Bay Area — is not very large, but Walker said that it is a quality over quantity situation. That everyone is well acquainted can be a blessing and a curse; the top players inevitably run into each other in the latter rounds of local tournaments — making the competition feel a little too familiar, but connection is very important in choosing a teammate.

“The hardest part of beach volleyball is finding chemistry with a partner,” Walker said. “It’s not uncommon to try playing with 10 different partners before you start competing.”

Ironically, the highlight of Walker’s 2014 season — a third-place finish at the EVP World Finals in September — came with a brand-new partner, Blydston. To reach the championship bracket, they went undefeated in a play-in tournament.

Walker also earned professional sponsorship from Seven Peaks Capital — an investment management firm based in Orinda, Calif. — that will help pay



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CGHS alumna Amber Walker is making her path on the pro beach volleyball circuit.

for her gear, travel expenses and tournament fees. Walker also has a position with the company that allows her the flexibility to train and travel during the season, which runs from March through September.

Walker is now preparing for her second pro season, with a debut set for the Santa Cruz Open in mid- April. She and Blydston will compete primarily in the Los Angeles area, but they are eyeing tournaments in Florida, Wisconsin and Arizona.

While Cottage Grove was home for just a short

while, it has been more than just a footnote in her life. She returns frequently, and the town has inspired many points of her journey.

“It all comes down to the people who support you and how hard you are willing to work,” Walker said. “Cottage Grove taught me that you have to work for what you want. The school and athletic department, my teachers, coaches and community believed in me and wanted me to succeed. Having that core support has led me to where I am now.”

4A Boys Basketball Playoffs

First Round Friday's Results

North Bend 60, Yamhill-Carlton 30
Scappoose 38, Sisters 32
North Valley 47, Seaside 40
Madras 48, Sutherlin 43
Cascade 61, La Grande 56
Marshfield 48, Valley Catholic 37
North Marion 54, Gladstone 45
Philomath 54, Tillamook 52

Quarterfinals Thursday's Games

Cascade vs. North Bend
Scappoose vs. Marshfield
North Marion vs. North Valley
Madras vs. Philomath

4A Girls Basketball Playoffs

First Round Saturday's Results

Sutherlin 75, Baker 33
Gladstone 53, Marshfield 30
Valley Catholic 57, Junction City 26
Banks 39, La Grande 33
Mazama 53, Brookings-Harbor 52
Cascade 71, Madras 56
Seaside 54, Klamath Union 43
Henley 44, Sisters 33

Quarterfinals Thursday's Games

Mazama vs. Sutherlin
Seaside vs. Valley Catholic
Gladstone vs. Cascade
Banks vs. Henley

COTTAGE BOWL

League: Dynamic Trios

Date: March 3

Team	W	L
Grandma's Rule	17	3
Swearengin Design	14	6
H. Selective Log.	13	7
Advanced Eyecare	13	7
Golding Enterprises	12	8
Cottage Bowlerettes	10	10
H's Rowdy Bunch	10	10
New Creations	6	14
K. Family Merc.	2	18
R's Beauty Salon	2	18

High Game: Margot Cotcher 189

Three-high Series

1. Megan McNary 504

2. Judy Earl 480

3. Debbie Saldana 467

League: Ball and Chain

Date: March 6

Team	W	L
Bowl Dozers	10	2
More Beer	8	4
Senior Funsters	8	4
Roman Numerals	6	6
Joe's Diner	6	6
Thunder Boltz	4	8
Pin Pushers	4	8
Cracker Jacks	2	6
Ally Oops	2	6
Party Patrol	1	7

High Game

Men: Del Bosch 248

Women: Koleen Kelly 226

Men Three-high Series

1. Glenn Clark 697

2. Don Cox 669

3. David Nichols 666

Lary Sachs 666

Women Three-high Series

1. Vanessa Chenoweth 625

2. Koleen Kelly 607

3. Robin Kwandt 512

League: Cottage Mixers

Date: March 4

Team	W	L
Commonwealth F.	21	0
C.G. Speedway	13	8
Swearengin Design	12	9
Jerry Brown Co.	12	9
Bowling Stones	10	11
Kelly's Trailer R.	10	11
Funseekers	9	12
Covered Bridge U.	7	14
Taylor's Towing	6	15
Cottage Bowl	5	16

High Game

Men: Ernie Owen 257

Women: Dixie Lawson 186

High Series

Men: Ernie Owen 657

Women: Edie Owen 472

League: 5 O'Clock Shadows

Date: March 1

Team	W	L
4 U Simple	11	1
Book Mine	9	3
Amigos Quatro	9	3
Mid State	8	4
Jenni and the Jets	7.5	0.5
C.G. Vac and Sew	6	6
V. Richenstain	5.5	6.5
Aces High	5	7
Jim's Tire Factory	4	8

All in the Family	3	9
Ames to be True	0	8

High Game

Men: Mick Batchelor 259

Women: Carolyn Allen 200

Men Three-high series

1. Aaron Ames 702

2. Ron Bascue 696

3. Robert Hand 658

Women Three-high Series

1. Cherry Bascue 510

2. Lia McTaggart 502

3. Jan McTaggart 476

League: Meri Rollers

Date: March 3

Team	W	L
Blue Sunshine	15	5
Emerald Valley	15	5
Moms Girls	13	7
Team Reliv	13	7
Simand Chiro.	11	9
Treasure Chest	10	6
Ron's Girls	10	10
Three Amigos	7	9
Charlie's Angels	6	6
Lucky Ladies	4	16
Addi's Diner	4	16

High Game: Allie Simons 258

Three-high Series:

1. Allie Simons 615

2. Jacki Jackson 564

3. Elizabeth Risso 534

MIDDLEFIELD MENS GOLF

Date: March 2
Game: 3 Points

1, Larry Dreiling, Frank Lacosse, Bob McCarty, Pat Rickard 132. 2, Mike Helms, Larry Emery, Dick Winters, Jerry Fisher 122. 3, Gary Ingram, Steve Lindholm, Jerry Pennington, Darrell Lee 120.
Low Gross: 1, Gary Sparks 70. 2, Helms 71. 3, Deross Kinkade 72.
Low Net: 1, Bill Wilson 62. 2t, Emery 64. 2t, McCarty 64.
Closest to the Pin: No. 5, Jake Cox. No. 7, McCarty. No. 14, Kinkade.
Longest Putt: No. 13, Tom Arney.

Date: March 5
Game: 3 Best Ball

1, Gary Ingram, Darrell Lee, Richard Vargas, Bill Avery (-18). 2t, Jack Doleman, Larry Dreailing, Milt Levings, Dick Winters (-16). 2t, Phil Hamilton, Steve Lindholm, Bill Medin, Tom Davis (-16). 2t, Jerry Fisher, Mel Gowing, Frank LaCosse, Gerald Singer (-16). 2t, Leroy Bodine, Don Hanly, David Morriss, Pat Rickard (-16).
Low Gross: 1, Larry Emery 70. 2, Singer 71. 3t, Mike Helms 72. 3t, Gary Sparks 72.

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