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Youth football players from Cottage Grove and surrounding communities, shown at the CGHS Football Camp in Aug. 2014, will form the South Lane Football Association this fall.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

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age," he said. Co-president Bill Thompson also said that the board is motivated to provide a more affordable option for families interested in youth football. It costs \$150 for k-1 students to play tackle football, and it costs \$210 for students in grades 2-6. "We aren't phasing out tackle football. We are offering another option, and it's our hope that we can offer flag football for \$75," he said. Under this plan, South Lane's tackle program will continue to follow the guidelines of Willamette Valley Pop Warner (K-6), and those established by individual school districts (7-8). In addition to cost, the Pop Warner season, which runs from late August to mid-

November, represents a significant time commitment for families. Roberts said that the K-1 flag program will begin after Labor Day and conclude by the Saturday before Halloween. In the short term, Thompson expects that the numbers for K-1 flag and tackle football will be strong enough to support both leagues. And in the long-term, he said the reorganized South Lane Youth Football community will offer the support and flexibility to adapt to ebbs and flows of participation. "If you have a group of organizations that support each other, its going to be easier to promote the sport as a whole," Thompson said. "And when communities don't have enough players to field a full team, we hope that the South Lane Youth Football network will make it easier to combine teams."

Roberts said that the flag football league will follow the NFL Flag model, and each team will need a minimum of 6-8 players. He also added that this will be a pilot program and that flag football could be offered to additional age groups in the future.

High School gearing up for 2015

With the spring sports season drawing to a close, the Cottage Grove High School program is preparing for some of its first official activities of the year. The team will have a week of spring practice during the final week of May. The Lions will then host McNary, Pleasant Hill, Siuslaw and Willamette in a 7-on-7 competition on June 13. And in late June, the team will make its annual trip to Seaside for the Camp Rilea Football Camp.

TRACK AND FIELD



photo by Matt Hollander

Ryan Westerkamp placed sixth in the shot put on Friday.

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of weeks," she said. In all, the boys and girls of Cottage Grove made 20 trips to the podium on Friday night — their final tuneup for the district meet, which begins tomorrow at Junction City. Conner Borigo had a historic day in the shot-put circle. She finished third with a throw of 37-02, which moved her into fifth place on the school's all-time list. Melissa Powers also cracked the school's all-time top-10, finishing in fifth in the jav-

elin with a toss of 105-01. The Lions showed their strength in the distance races by placing runners in the top-eight of the 800 (Hudson Weybright — 6th, 2:27.73), 1500 (Halle Petersen — 7th, 5:34.80) and 3000 (Jaylene Forrester — 5th, 12:11.93). Despite not running in the fastest heats, Celeste Pelham made two trips to the podium, as she placed fourth and sixth in the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles, respectively. "I know I haven't been running really good this season but overall I feel that my hard work is starting to pay off," she said.

"It's a little intimidating [when you're not running in the fastest heat] but it goes to show that it doesn't matter what heat you're in as long as you leave it all on the track."

The Lions, who finished eighth with 44.5 points, also saw top-eight finishes by Hannah Albrecht (100 — 7th), Faryn Dahlen (100 hurdles — 6th) and Melissa Thelma (high jump — 3rd).

Newport's Rachel Vinjamuri and Dyani Lopez went 1-2 in the 100, 200 and 400 to power the Cubs to victory.

The Cottage Grove boys also made frequent trips to the podium, beginning with a third place finish in the 4x100 relay. The team of Connor Howard, Brynden Howell, Michael Tharpe and Jacob Woods ran 44.12, which is the fifth-fastest time in school history.

Before this season, Howard focused on the short dashes. But after finishing second in the 400 and fourth in the 200, he looks more and more like a long sprinter. His times — 51.71 and 23.18, respectively — rank 11th in school history.

Tharpe also contributed a pair of top-5 finishes in the 100 (5th, 11.71) and 110 hurdles (3rd, 15.73).

Tyler Ledford came from the back of the pack in the 800 to place fifth in 2:01.80. His time is ranked eighth in the state.

Ryan Westerkamp placed sixth in the shot put with a throw of 43-11 — just four inches off of his best. Brad Geisler finished eighth in the discus (123-06). Jayden Tucker was eighth in the long jump with a jump of 19-04.25.

In the team race, Henley won a close battle over Elmira, 94.5 to 88.5. Cottage Grove finished ninth with 37 points.

Siuslaw's Joe Dotson set a meet record in the 300 hurdles (39.33) and also won the 400 (50.78).

Sky-Em Baseball

Team	W	L
Sisters	11	2
Sweet Home	9	4
Elmira	7	6
Cottage Grove	6	7
Junction City	5	8
Sutherlin	1	12

Wednesday's Results

Junction City 8, Cottage Grove 4
Elmira 12, Sisters 2
Sweet Home 6, Sutherlin 5

Thursday's Results

Junction City 10, Cottage Grove 9

Friday's Results

Sisters 8, Elmira 1
Sweet Home 17, Sutherlin 2

Friday's Games

Sweet Home at Cottage Grove 4:30pm
Elmira @ Sutherlin 4:30pm
Junction City at Sisters 4:30 p.m.

Sky-Em Softball

Team	W	L
Elmira	13	0
Sweet Home	9	4
Junction City	7	6
Cottage Grove	5	8
Sutherlin	4	9
Sisters	1	12

Wednesday's Results

Junction City 9, Cottage Grove 4
Sweet Home 12, Sutherlin 2
Elmira 20, Sisters 1

Thursday's Results

Elmira 16, Santiam Christian 3

Friday's Results

Sweet Home 16, Sutherlin 1
Junction City 9, Cottage Grove 0
Elmira 10, Sisters 0
Elmira 19, Sisters 3

Friday's Games

Cottage Grove at Sweet Home 4:30pm
Sisters at Junction City 4:30pm
Sutherlin at Elmira 4:30pm

COTTAGE BOWL

League: Cottage Mixers
Date: May 6 — Playoffs

Team	Total Pins
Commonwealth F.	3320
Fun Seekers	3290
Cottage Bowl	3289

High Game

Men: Cody Simons 286
Women: Mary Whetstone 214
High Series
Men: Errol Miller 616
Women: Mary Whetstone 538

MIDDLEFIELD MENS GOLF

Date: May 4
Game: 3-2 Best Ball

1T, Ingram, Winters, Fisher, Ackerman (-28). 1T, cooney, Culp, Rickard, Wamsley (-28). 3T, Eymann, Wile, Wilson, Gowing (-27). 3T, Beckett, Hayes, Armor, Pennington (-27).

Low Gross: 1, Helms 69. 2T, Culp 73. 2T, Cox 73.
Low Net: 1, Eymann 58. 2T, Pennington 59. 2T, Rickard 59.
Closest to the Pin: No. 5, Gowing. No. 7, Pennington. No. 14, Ingram. Longest Putt: No. 18, Waterman.

Date: May 7
Game: 3-2 Points

1, Duffy, England, Fisher, Miller 121. 2, Hoover, Eymann, Hibner, Gowing 118. 3, Gates, Prunkl, Arney, Gilmore 117.

Low Gross: 1T, Cox 73. 1T, Helms 73. 3T, Smith 74. 3T, Doelman 74.
Low Net: 1, Gowing 54. 2, Rickard 59. 3, Winters 60.
Closest to the Pin: No. 5, Gowing. No. 7, Gowing. No. 14, Bodine.
Longest Putt: No. 18, Pennington.

Cottage Bowl Champs

Golding Enterprise, a team of (from left) Ellie Golding, Beverly Michaels and Dixie Lawson, won the Dynamic Trios League, which concluded in late April.



Common Wealth Financial took first place in the playoffs of the Cottage Mixers League on May 6. Its team included (Front row, from left) Cody Simons, Tiffanie Williams, Dave Richardson and Laura Cardoza, and (back row, from left) Vince Fiattarone and Joe Simons.



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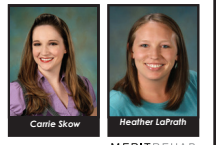
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