

## CGHS Awards Night sends off fall sports athletes with style

*Teams and families gather to celebrate the successful fall season of 2015*

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On Tuesday, Nov. 10, Cottage Grove High School hosted its Fall Sports Awards night with students, faculty, family and friends gathered in the cafeteria. Athletes from soccer, football, cross-country, water polo and volleyball attended to receive their varsity letters and were recognized for their achievements during their 2015 season. Athletic Director David Presley introduced coaches, who in turn introduced their players before dispersing into separate rooms for individual sports.

Boys' soccer was introduced by Head Coach Brian Fish and noted the players who made the all-league team, which in-

cluded Kyle Browning and Austin Shipley. Although only two players made the first team, the Lions had two more on the second team and five other honorable mentions. The boys' soccer team will see the absence of Richie Villalobos, Alex Hernandez, Kaiden Ramsey, Austin Shipley, Chris Clure, Lucas Ward, Bryce Allen, Scott Anderson, Jadon Snauer, and Zachary Snauer as they finish their senior year.

"I'm proud of our guys; we had a great season and overall I think we played pretty well," Fish said. "It was unfortunate we got beat in the playoffs, but it was against a pretty good team."

Head Coach of cross-country Jim Settelmeyer introduced his

runners proudly. The highlight of the speech being Settelmeyer's attention to freshman runner Konrad Raum. Raum was the only Lion runner to make it to the State Finals at Lane Community College and placed 47th out of the 111 runners competing. The cross country team will lose a total of nine seniors this year. The seniors include: Tesslyn Foster-Gordon, Ka'lea Galbreath, Arianah Hanke, Ryan Barge, Alexander Clifton, Connor Howard, Anthony Trujillo and Jayden Tucker.

Presley introduced first-year Head Coach Jason Corwin of the volleyball team and praised his commitment to Cottage Grove High School.

"It really means a lot when you can get someone from the

collegiate level to teach our kids," Presley said. Corwin acknowledged the efforts of his entire squad and specifically mentioned Allyssa Ganchegui for making the first team all-league squad. "We saw tons of improvement throughout the season, especially for this being my first year," Corwin said. The Lions will say goodbye to a total of six seniors this year: Ganchegui, Jaylene Forrester, Abigail Ladd, Cassidy Whisler, Haley Simonsen, and Alexis Gaethle.

Girls' Soccer Head Coach Vern Stewart was introduced with applause for making coach of the year for the Sky-Em League. The team itself won the Sky Em league for the first time in school history. The Li-

ons had to share the crown with Sisters, but after an easy 3-0 win over Sisters during their play-in match, the Lions seemed to be a clear winner. The girls were ranked No. 8 as they entered the playoffs, but their season abruptly ended after a 2-0 defeat against No. 9 ranked Gladstone. The team also filled five out of the 11 spots on the Sky-Em All-League roster.

"We had a fantastic season," Stewart said. "I'm so proud of our girls; I'm grateful to have been able to watch these seniors grow all four years since I've been here." The soccer team will lose nine players to graduation this year. Delia Nichols-Ferguson, Melissa Thielman, Chelsey Bottorff, Melissa McCasline, Brooke Fisher, Jasmin

Lopez, Emma Browning, Josie Mootz and Emma Simons will all be finishing high school in the spring.

For water polo, Head Coach Tyson Coleman gave a brief speech about the effort of both the boys and girls teams. The girls had a wildly different season than the boys, but the young players encourage the future of Cottage Grove's water polo teams. The girls' team will only see the departure of one player, senior Amelia Phillips, while the boys' team had no seniors this year.

Football Head Coach Gary Roberts also got the opportunity to reflect on his team and their 2015 season.

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Mootz eagerly signs her letter of intent as her parents proudly watch on.

Photo by Sam Wright

## Equestrian signs letter of intent to TCU

*Josie Mootz will continue her horseback riding career in Texas*

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Cottage Grove High School experienced a special moment on Monday, Nov. 16, when senior Josie Mootz signed her letter of intent to enroll at Texas Christian University to be a part of the equestrian team. Mootz, who is extremely notable for her skills on the soccer field, plans on studying kinesiology in college while she competes on the school's equestrian squad.

"I'm really excited; it was really cool to get an offer from a school like this," Mootz said.

Mootz said she has been riding horses all her life. Her mother described her starting out as a "champion stick-horse rider in our living room." At the age of eight, she won the title of regional walk trot champion in Nampa, Idaho on her quar-

ter horse named Amber. Mootz eventually ended her quarter horse career with "numerous buckles, all around awards, and two saddles."

After quarter horses, Mootz began showing paint horses, for which she also has received numerous accolades with.

Since winning the walk trot regional in Idaho, Mootz was taken under the wing of Tammy Mills, an equestrian trainer who, along with her husband Rob Mills, was considered like "second family" to Mootz.

"They have spent long hours together on the road, waiting for classes to start when its freezing out, and even getting up before light to feed and get horses ready," Mootz's mother explained in a speech.

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Lion basketball players run drills in the main gym at CGHS on Monday.

## Winter sports kick off with try outs

Monday marked the beginning of Cottage Grove High School's winter sports seasons. This means basketball (girls and boys), swimming and wrestling have come to accompany the colder weather. Although no official contests start until December, student-athletes have begun to attend try outs as teams begin to take form.



## Athletes of the Week

*Brad's Chevy and GMC bowling team take first place in round one of Cottage Mixers league*



**Team 7 - BRAD'S CHEVY/GMC**  
**Round One - 1st Place Winners**  
**Cottage Mixers**

Stanton Newlan, Merv Kwandt, Errol Miller, Ann Steeprow and Alli Miller of Brad's Chevy and GMC bowling team secured first place on Wednesday, Nov. 11. The team racked up a total of 50 wins against 20 losses. They beat every opponent by at least 12 pins. Second place was taken by Forklift Services of Org with 38 wins and 32 losses, followed by Swearingin Designs (37-33).

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