

Strong sense of community and family at Cottage Bowl's various bowling leagues

Each night at Cottage Grove's popular bowling alley, friends and family come together for good times and competitive bowling



Photo by Sam Wright

Bowlers of the "Cottage Mixers" league meet every Wednesday to compete in a three-game competition.

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Perhaps one of the most heartwarming traditions in Cottage Grove can be found at the various bowling leagues and competitions held at the Cottage Bowl just off of River Rd. The bowling alley hosts seven different leagues that all compete

on different days of the week.

For the past six years, the Cottage Bowl has been owned and operated by Natalie Clark and her father, Butch Cardoza. Together, they have helped organize the seven different leagues that bowl at their alley.

"Everyone here is all a part of our family," Clark said. "Some teams are all friends, some teams

are purely family, and some are a mixture of both." Clark said that each league has a variety of veteran and rookie bowlers along with younger bowlers and elderly bowlers.

For example, the Cottage Mixers league has the privilege of seeing Cottage Grove's most senior bowler, Dick George. George, who is 93 and still go-

ing strong, has been bowling for over 20 years. He said that he has been bowling at the Cottage Bowl since the age of 71 and is currently on the lineup of the Funseekers.

The Cottage Mixers league is hosted on Wednesdays,

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Athlete of the Week

Dick George won't let age stop him



At the young age of 93, Dick George competes every Wednesday at the Cottage Bowl for his Cottage Mixers league. George has been bowling for over 20 years, but he merits his ability to compete at his age to having "been really lucky" with his health. He plans on continuing to bowl until he physically no longer can. Such dedication earns him this week's athlete of the week.



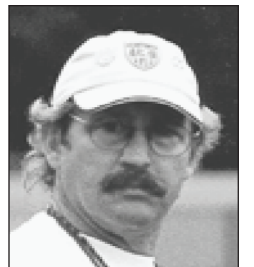
Junior Lions victorious in Mt. Hood Bowl

The sixth grade Lions faced off against the Junction City Jaguars on Sunday, Nov. 15 at Autzen Stadium. After being down 0-13 at halftime, the Lions made a miraculous comeback to tie the game at 13 in regulaton and win the game 19-13 in overtime. The players are listed as follows:

Front Row Left to Right: (45) Brandon Russell, Loren James, Treven Monegan, Zach Hutchinson, Isaac Stere, Porter Snyder
Second Row: (29) Angus White, Jason Travis, Bryant Frieze, Andrew Zumwalt, Josh Nordyke, James Smith, Henry Ollivant, Tim Vance, Brennen Bouche, Landon Colburn, Carter Bascue, Fernando Giffen, Preston Holloway, Ben Genthner
Back Row: Assistant Coaches: Matt Hamilton, Jeff Bascue, James Russell, Head Coach Greg Ollivant

Soccer coach steps away

Brian Fish will not be returning to coach boys' soccer next season, as he decides to take a break



After coaching the Lions soccer team for 11 years, Head Coach Brian Fish has decided to step away from coaching soccer.

"After being here for so long I think it's a good time for me to step away and take a break and let someone younger step in," Fish said. Fish runs a janitorial service business that has accounts all over the state,

which forces him to travel a lot. "I was getting stretched pretty thin because I'm all over the state sometimes," he said. Fish said he enjoyed his time coaching but looks forward to taking a break. He said that the boys' soccer team seems to be in pretty good shape and that his stepping away shouldn't hinder any potential success.



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Kory Parent and Chance Hopkins move the ball down the court against Ontario.

Basketball looks to a stronger season this year with a full return of talented players

The Lions had no seniors on their roster last year, but this year Head Coach Donn Pollard expects the team to be stronger and more experienced

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The Lions' boys' basketball team was a very young one last year. The team had no seniors on its roster, and the young players struggled with a lack of experience, size and knowledge. They ended the season 5-19, unable to make the playoffs.

However, this year the Li-

ons are looking to bounce back from a not-so-successful season and take advantage of all of the team's returning talent. A total of seven starters are back this year, a roster that consists of seniors Jayden Tucker and Chance Hopkins (awarded most improved last year), along with juniors Blake Sentman, Kory Parent (voted MVP and most inspirational player last year) and

Tucker Porter.

Parent made second-team all-league last year, and Chance Hopkins and Blake Sentman had honorable mentions.

The Lions will also welcome back Jordan Hagewood, who was a starter for the Lions last year as a freshman and also received the Lions Rookie Award. An additional senior will be added to the team who did not

play last year. Senior Payton Presley, who typically showcases his athleticism on the football field, is a welcome addition, according to Head Coach Donn Pollard.

"We're going to be a year stronger, a year more experienced and a year more skilled," Pollard said.

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