

BASEBALL

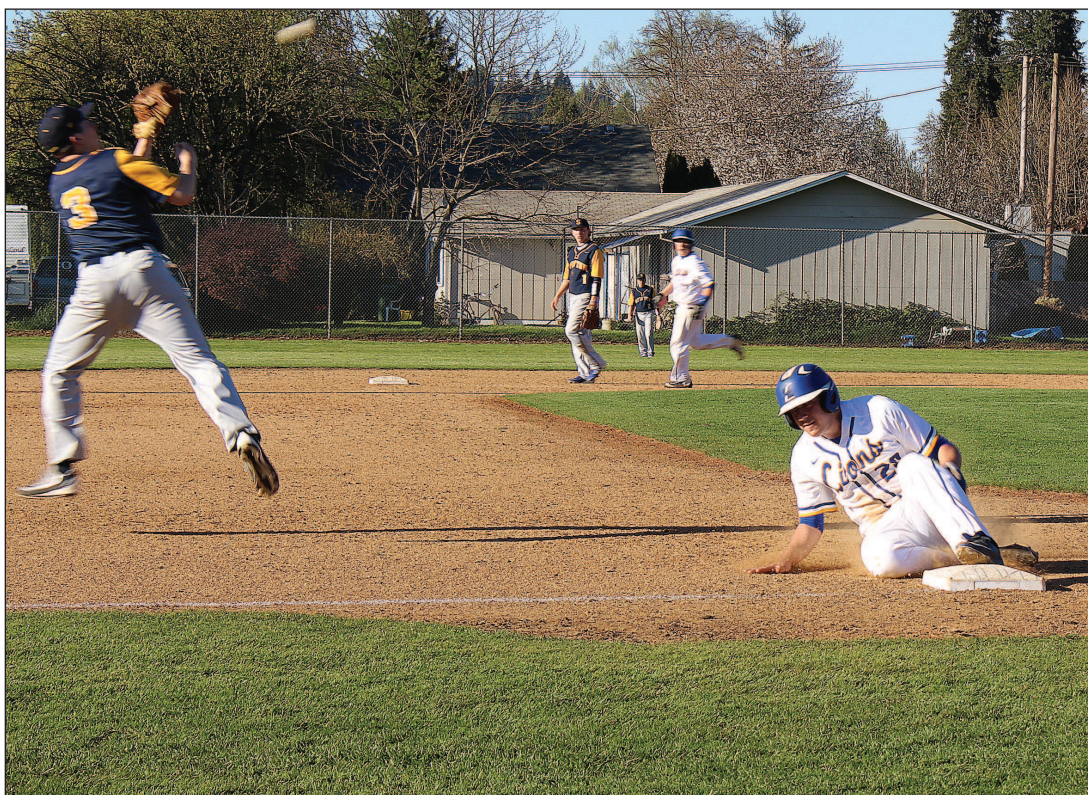
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the aforementioned seniors. He racked up eight RBIs off of 28 hits. He also had two triples on the season, something Presley only did once.

Ollivant also earned the Sky-Em's Pitcher of the Year award with a 2.00 ERA and one shut-out. As the starting pitcher, Ollivant held a 77.8 win percentage.

Ollivant won't be alone when it comes to filling the shoes of the departed seniors. Jaydin Osbin will also be a current senior to watch out for. He finished last season with a .235 batting average and a 31.6 on-base percentage.

It will be tough for Cottage Grove to finish at the top of the Sky-Em for a consecutive year without players such as Presley, who was awarded Sky-Em Player of the Year in 2016. But the Lions still have plenty of potential as younger players are now more experienced.



Cottage Grove became experts at stealing bases last year. The team doubled the national average with 108 steals in 2016, leading the Sky-Em league.

Kids can learn to hunt turkey April 1 at White River Wildlife Area

Register by March 28 for the annual turkey hunting clinic for kids ages 8 to 17, a popular event sponsored by ODFW, Oregon Hunters Association and Celilo Bowmen.

The event is Saturday, April 1 at the White River Wildlife Area near Tygh Valley.

Kids who attend will learn the tricks, tips and strategies needed to turkey hunt including: turkey identification and behavior, scouting techniques like sign identification and how to locate turkeys in the woods, plus turkey calls and calling techniques. There is also a hands-on session about how to pattern a shotgun, establish effective ranges and hold a shotgun as a tom approaches. New this year, Celilo Bowmen will be teaching kids how to shoot compound and traditional bows at a 3D target range set up at the event.

"This is a fun annual event that will get your child ready

for the statewide general spring turkey season April 15-May 31," said James Reed, ODFW hunter education coordinator. "Kids can also hunt the special youth-only season April 8-9."

Hunter education certification is not required to attend this clinic.

Pre-registration is required and costs \$10. The deadline to register is March 28 and a maximum of 100 youth will be accepted. Each youth must be accompanied by an adult.

Register online at ODFW's license sales site, or register at any license sales agent. Registration includes lunch; adults can purchase lunch for an additional \$5 at the clinic.

For more information, see the event listing at www.odfw-calendar.com or contact Myrna Britton at (503) 947-6028 / Myrna.b.britton@state.or.us

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during the fall as part of the second-place football team.

Paesen Timm will also return as one of the top distance runners in the Sky-Em League, and he will be assisted with newcomer Jesse Ellingworth, who finished in second place at the district cross country championships.

On the girls' side, there were fewer impactful losses as opposed to the boys' team. Returning this year will be Hannah Albrecht, now a senior, who was a state qualifier in four different sprinting events last year (100, 200, 400 and 4x100-meter races). Senior Hudson Weybright also qualified for state in the 3000-meter race, and Keara Murphy was a state qualifier in the high jump, and Knutson

says she will be a top contender in all of the jumping events this season.

Knutson also reports that newcomer Sabrina James made training adjustments over the winter after finishing in 10th place at the district meet for cross country and "is prepared to surprise some teams this spring in the distances events."

Every year, Cottage Grove strives to be a contender to take all three Sky-Em Trophies, which include boys, girls and coed.

"The guys and girls take a lot of pride in working together to ensure the success of both programs," Knutson noted. "We hope to see this strength and balance again in May when we battle at the Sky-Em Championships in Sutherlin."



Cottage Grove's 4x100-meter relay team broke a school record last year that stood for 12 years. The team got silver in the district meet when the boys won a Sky-Em League title, the first for CGHS in five years.

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COTTAGE GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

BASEBALL

March 17, 4 p.m. Cottage Grove vs. Douglas
March 21, 4:30 p.m. Cottage Grove @ Pleasant Hill
March 22, 4 p.m. Cottage Grove vs. Cascade

SOFTBALL

March 16, 4:30 p.m. Cottage Grove vs. Stayton
March 17, 4 p.m. Cottage Grove @ Douglas
March 21, 4:30 p.m. Cottage Grove vs. Hidden Valley
March 22, 4:30 p.m. Cottage Grove @ Cascade

NORTH DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL

BASEBALL

March 20, 4:30 p.m. North Douglas vs. Douglas [JV]
March 22, 4:30 p.m. North Douglas @ Douglas [JV]

SOFTBALL

March 18, 12 p.m. North Douglas vs. Woodburn
March 20, 4:30 p.m. North Douglas vs. Myrtle Point

YONCALLA HIGH SCHOOL

BASEBALL

March 17, 4:30 p.m. Yoncalla @ Bandon
March 20, 4:30 p.m. Yoncalla @ Myrtle Point

SOFTBALL

March 21, 4:30 p.m. Yoncall @ Days Creek

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