

LIONS SHINE AT CAMP

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While it may be the middle of summer, basketball never stops for the Cottage Grove High School girls team.

Two weekends ago the team of 10 girls and three coaches made the trip to Brookings Harbor for a team camp with nine other teams from around the state and four from California. They stayed in an old school that was converted to sleeping quarters and featured a game room in addition to a basketball court. The focus of the camp was to get some games under their belt to help foster team growth.

"We had a lot of fun and it was a great step forward in our development," said head coach Kevin Yoss in an email.

The Lions played in seven games over the weekend that used a 20 minute running clock instead of the normal eight minute quarters used at the high school level.

The girls finished with a 6-1 record and the games were all fairly close with the outliers being a 68-15 win over Creswell and a 62-28 loss to Hidden Valley. In their one loss of the weekend the Lions were without starting point guard Tara Child. Starting post Reilly Kelty was hurt in the opening minutes of the game but returned in the final two games.

Keara Murphy led the team in points averaging 11.5 per game and was second on the team in rebounds with 5.1 behind Kelty's 6 boards per game.



The Cottage Grove girls basketball team posing outside of camp.

Rodeo ropes in a big crowd



Kamon Massie hangs on during the Saddle Bronc Riding competition on Friday night at the 69th Cottage Grove Rodeo.

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Last weekend the Cottage Grove Riding Club welcomed in over 3000 people during the two days of the 69th Cottage Grove Rodeo.

The weekend of sun, which was the opposite of last year's rain-soaked rodeo, belonged to Colton Campbell of Klamath Falls. Campbell took home the prestigious All-Around title after securing first place victories in calf roping and team roping. On the women's side, Bailey Beall of Redmond took home the All-Around title. While the pair did well, the other group that performed well were the horses and bulls of the bucking stock.

"The whole bucking stock was really good," said Scott Ferguson the President of the Riding Club who oversaw the rodeo. "No riders rode either night so our bucking stock is really good."

Aside from the competition at hand, there was also an array of activities to entertain the audience. It started with having rodeo "funny man" Kyle Bode on sight who worked to entertain the crowd between events. This was the first time in over ten years that this rodeo has seen a funny man and his commentary was well received by those in attendance. The highlight of his performance came on Friday night when he participated in a skit with Cottage Grove Police Office Chris Joyce and Police Service Dog Torq.

There was also the dance on Friday and Saturday night following the rodeo which featured live music from the Eugene band Outlaw 'Shine and the buckaroo breakfast on Saturday morning.

The Riding Club has more events this summer including the Al Barber Gaming Series throughout the rest of the summer and the Northwest Youth Rodeo on August 4-6.



Christian Stremmer on the first day of competition at the rodeo.

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Youth Winners:	76 pts
Mutton Busting:	Calf Roping:
Andrew Johnson	Colton Campbell,
Calf Riding: James	9.8 seconds
Baimbridge, 82	Breakaway: Kaylee
Steer Riding: Scott	Aldrich, 2.6 sec.
Ferguson, 80	Steer Wrestling:
Bull Riding: Jason	Austin Woods, 6.4
Williams, 86	sec.
Barrels (6-13):	Cow Milking:
Molly May, 19.09	Charlie Barker, 20.7
sec.	sec.
Barrels (14-18):	Barrels: Bailey
Tucker Born, 18.59	Cline, 17.81 sec.
sec	Team Roping:
Cowhide Races:	Colton Campbell
Rusty Thompson &	and Jordan Ket-
Tyler Davis	schler, and Guy
	Gregg and Daniel
Adult Winners	Ibarra (tie), 5.5 sec
Bareback: Shane	All-Around Fe-
Morin, 73 pts	male: Bailey Beall
Saddle Bronc:	All-Around Male:
Quincy Crum and	Colton Campbell
Sam Harper (tie),	

Game Scores:

Game 1: Cottage Grove 35, Brookings Harbor 29

Game 2: Cottage Grove 42, Gold Beach 27

Game 3: Cottage Grove 39, Del Norte (CA) 33

Game 4: Cottage Grove 44, Amity 36

Game 5: Cottage Grove 28, Hidden Valley 62

Game 6: Cottage Grove 68, Creswell 15

Game 7: Cottage Grove 44, University Prep (CA) 32

Athlete of the Week



This week's athlete of the week is Cottage Grove's soon-to-be senior Madison Bethke. Madison won the three-point contest at the Beat the Heat basketball camp in Brookings Harbor. Each school nominated two players and while Madison took first, teammate Megan Schatz was one of the final four shooters left in the competition.



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