

Calendar

Sept. 26

- CGHS VB at Elmira 6:30 p.m.
- CGHS boys soccer vs. Elmira 7 p.m.
- CGHS girls soccer at Elmira 5:30 p.m.
- CGHS water polo vs. Churchill at Amazon pool 6 p.m.

Sept. 27

- CGHS FB vs. Marshfield 7 p.m.
- NDHS FB at Lowell 7 p.m.
- EHS FB at Mapleton 7 p.m.
- YHS FB at Oakridge 7 p.m.

Sept. 28

- EHS VB vs. Mohawk 3 p.m.
- NDHS VB at McKenzie RPI Tourn.
- CGHS XC at Nike Portland

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COTTAGE GROVE POND (ROW RIVER NATURE PARK POND): Trout, warmwater species

The next stocking is scheduled for the week of Oct. 4. Cottage Grove Ponds are open to year-round fishing and via an asphalt pathway behind the truck scales on Row River Road. In addition to fishing, these ponds also offer wildlife viewing opportunities and a fishing dock is available on-site.

COTTAGE GROVE RESERVOIR: Trout, warmwater species

Was last stocked the week of April 29 with 5,000 trophy-size rainbow trout. Cottage Grove Reservoir is south of Cottage Grove and is open to fishing all year. Lakeside boat ramp is now open.

DORENA RESERVOIR: Trout, warmwater

Was last stocked the week of April 29 with 5,000 trophy-size rainbow trout. Dorena Reservoir is east of Cottage Grove on Row River Road and is open to fishing all year. Trout and warmwater fish are available. Baker Bay boat ramp is accessible at the current reservoir elevation.

FERN RIDGE RESERVOIR: Largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, brown bullhead

Currently, the reservoir is mostly full and the three main public boat ramps are available to launch boats. For local information regarding the lake and available boat ramps, contact the Lane County Parks Department at 541-682-2000.

Bass and crappie fishing usually gets going around mid-April with peak months being May and June. Look for crappie along the weedy edges on the south side of the reservoir. The south shore around Perkins Peninsula as well as along the face of the dam are good spots.

Underclassmen lead Lions to big week

CG have scored 19 total goals in their last three games

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Soccer, when played at its best, is a game of teamwork, communication and fluidity. The end product is, as many have said over the years, a beautiful game.

On the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 18 that beautiful game was on display as the

weather delivered a brief respite from heavy rains and the Cottage Grove boys soccer team dismantled a visiting Banks squad 8-0, their most complete game yet of the young 2019 season.

“If you notice the pros, they don’t communicate a lot verbally but they sure do a lot of communication based on ... their approach to a ball or a pass and that’s the beauty of the game. You want to be verbal and you want to be communicating, but you want to get to a point where you know where ‘X’ is going to

be before ‘X’ makes the move ... and that’s what becomes harmonious about the whole game,” said head coach Vern Stewart.

While visiting Banks may not have heard many harmonies themselves in such an overwhelming loss, the Lions performed like a group whose efficiency and synergy as a team seems only poised to grow throughout the year.

After completing a come-from-behind win last week at Mazama - scoring three goals in the final 11 minutes to win 5-4

- the offensive barrage continued Wednesday evening. Underclassmen midfielders Jayden Cameron (so.) and Aldo Rea (fr.) were the stars of the show, giving the Banks defense fits up front all game long, seemingly always around or in the box threatening to score.

“It makes my job exciting that they’re this young. With seniors you’re going, ‘oh ok, we get to watch and enjoy them just this year, but shoot I’ve got one for two more after the sea-

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CG XC makes strides in hometown race



(Top) Evie Smith (front) and Kajsa Merz race out from the starting line; (Bottom) Jimmy Talley makes a final push for the finish line.

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After a seemingly abrupt end to the summer warmth and sunshine, Cottage Grove cross country caught a bit of a break last Saturday in their only home meet of the season.

The rain clouds briefly departed for a day as Schwarz Park at Dorena Reservoir played

host to the Harrier’s Challenge 5k - also known colloquially as ‘The Dam Run’ - on Sept. 21 where Cottage Grove was represented by not only their varsity squad, but also a sizeable junior varsity contingent and a group of runners from Lincoln Middle School’s still-growing cross country team.

The Harrier’s Challenge course begins with a loop

through Schwarz Park before heading up an exhaustingly steep incline to the top of the dam, hence the nickname and the cause of many frustrated words muttered by the runners as they reached the dam and saw the challenge before them.

“The hill is really tough, but luckily we’ve run this race before,” said sophomore Evie Smith after finishing the race.

Overall, 16 teams were represented, mostly from the southern Willamette Valley and northern Douglas County. The Cottage Grove varsity team consisted of four girls and six boys who all took on the challenging route.

For head coach Jim Settelmeyer, being able to race so close to home is always a

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Five-set thriller opens league play

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After two weeks of build-up, the Lions volleyball team got the Sky-Em season off to a riveting start.

On Thursday, Sept. 19 the Cottage Grove volleyball team defeated the Siuslaw Vikings 3-2 (21-25, 25-21, 19-25, 25-10, 15-10) in a gripping five-set match that featured top-end talent on both sides of the court. The back-and-forth contest was the first Sky-Em league competition for any of the Cottage Grove fall sports teams.

The Vikings jumped out to an early 4-0 lead in the first set until their run was interrupted by the serve of freshman outside/opposite hitter Blakely

Herbert who rattled off eight consecutive points, including three aces, to take an 8-4 lead.

The early trading of leads would set the tone until midway through the fourth set when Cottage Grove seemed to finally settle in and correct a series of mental mistakes from earlier in the game.

“There were times when we were behind and we were doing it to ourselves ... we were just making some errors that cost us some points,” said head coach Kendra Anderson.

Early on, the team misjudged a number of serves, allowing them to fall in for aces, mental lapses that then forced the team to recover and refocus in order to capture the

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Freshman Blakely Herbert starred in the Lions league-opening win. CG built a lead nearly every time it was Herbert’s turn to serve.

Athlete of the Week



This week’s athletes of the week are the members of the Cottage Grove cross country junior varsity team.



Three of the 19 total JV runners Cottage Grove had participating at the Harrier’s Challenge JV 5k.
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