

## Calendar

### Oct. 17

- CG VB @ Junction City, 6:30 p.m.
- ND VB vs. Days Creek, 6 p.m.
- EHS VB vs. Yoncalla 6 p.m.

### Oct. 18

- CG FB vs. La Grande, 6 p.m.
- ND FB @ Yoncalla, 7 p.m.
- EHS FB vs. Oakridge, 3 p.m.

### Oct. 19

- CG VB @ Marshfield Tournament, TBD
- CG XC @ Warner Pacific XC Classic, Lents Park, Portland, Ore.

### Oct. 22

- CG boys soccer vs. Junction City, 7 p.m.
- CG girls soccer @ Junction City, 7 p.m.
- CG VB @ Marist, 6:30 p.m.

## ODFW REGIONAL FISHING/HUNTING REPORT

### Zone 1 duck hunting opens this Saturday

With the opening of westside duck hunting on Oct. 12, duck, pheasant, chukar, CA quail and forest grouse will be open statewide.

### General deer season takes a break for elk

General season Cascade elk opened this Saturday, Oct. 12. The Cascade buck season closed on Oct. 11 and will reopen on Oct. 19.

### Best bets for weekend fishing

Coho and trout offer some of the best opportunities for weekend fishing.

- Fall Chinook is still the heavy hitter in mid-coast fisheries. With the drier weather, most fish are still staging in tidewater and the fishing should be good.

- Adult steelhead fishing continues to be good throughout the middle Rogue with spinners and flies bringing in some nice large fish.

- Coho passage at Willamette Falls continues to build – these fish are arriving in the Sandy and Clackamas rivers now.

- Detroit Reservoir has been stocked with over 6,000 trophy trout in the past two weeks, and the cooler fall temperatures have probably put these fish on the bite.

- In Chickahominy Reservoir, recent sampling suggests there are plenty of trout available in the 17- to 21-inch range.

- Fly-fishing in the Blitzen River has been good with anglers catching some nice redbands up to 16-inches.

- Fall can offer some of the best trout fishing of the year in Oregon's hike-in lakes – the mosquitoes are gone, so are many of the

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 Senior M.J. Raade was a standout yet again for the Aqua Lions, scoring four goals against Sheldon in an 11-3 win.

## Water polo makes itself at home

*First tournament points to bright future for WHD Center*

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The new and improved Warren H. Daugherty Aquatic Center may still be in its infancy, opening just a few short weeks ago, but the Aqua Lions water polo teams are doing their best to get comfortable in their new home pool.

Cottage Grove played host to three visiting teams last

Fri., Oct. 11, putting on the first water polo tournament since the Daugherty Center's grand re-opening. North Eugene, Sheldon and Medford all made the trip to the Aqua Lions' home pool, with Sheldon ultimately taking the boy's title and Cottage Grove triumphing on the girl's side.

All in all, however, according to head coach Tyson Pilling this was a day that was just as much about celebrating the Daugherty Center as it was

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## CG soccer poised for playoffs



(Left) Sophomore goalie Ty Kishen helped a staunch Lions defense hold Marshfield to one goal; (top right) junior midfielder and team captain Evan Snauer exhausted after a hard-fought win against the Pirates; (bottom right) junior midfielder Chanel Leach has been a lead aggressor in the midfield for a Lions team that sits in second place in league.



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### Both the girls and boys teams on verge of securing playoff spot

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After losing 4-0 earlier in the week to a second-ranked Marist team, the Cottage Grove boys soccer team still controlled their own destiny for the playoffs.

As the clock ticked to zero last Thurs. Oct. 10 at Don King Field, the Lions (6-4

overall, 3-2 league) and their fans looked up at the scoreboard to see a 2-1 victory against the visiting Marshfield Pirates (6-4, 2-3).

With Junction City losing to Marist 8-0, the results broke a three-way tie for second place in the Sky-Em League - between the Tigers, Pirates and Lions - leaving Cottage Grove alone in second behind the Spartans. With three games remaining, the Lions can win two of three to guarantee themselves an automatic bid to the state playoffs, given to the top two finishers in

each of the six 4A leagues.

"You want to be in the top two," head coach Vern Stewart said after the game. "We ended up third [in the league] last year and ended up ranked number 18 in the state. That made it so we got to go ... But it gets a little dicey when you do it that way, so it's better to go in as the top two."

The first half was a tale of two familiar teams waiting for the right moment to strike, resulting in a defensive battle that

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## Lethargic first half leads to Lions loss

### Penalty flags fly in shutout loss as Falcons O dominates

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Early turnovers and penalties put Cottage Grove down big early in Thursday night's matchup with the Elmira Falcons.

The Falcons (3-3, 2-1 league) came out hungry on defense early, forcing fumbles and capitalizing on bobbled snaps by the Lions (0-6, 0-3 league). The game looked like it might be a defensive battle,

with the Lions forcing a turnover on downs as the Falcons threatened in the red zone after their first fumble recovery, but Elmira rattled off 50 straight points in the first half en route to a 50-0 halftime lead.

"We hurt ourselves a lot," said Lions head coach Chad Smith of the first half of the game. "[Elmira's] a team we can come and compete with. We just made a few mistakes and shot ourselves in the foot a little bit."

The Lions came out of the locker room with a little more

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Jacob Dunn (#1) tackles Gavin Parker (#11) on Thursday. Elmira dismantled the Lions' defense in the first half.

## Athlete of the Week



*This week's athlete of the week is Lions goalkeeper Raina Herzog, who has three clean sheets in her last five games. Herzog is also a standout wrestler for CGHS.*



Despite a 4-0 loss, Herzog had 14 saves against the Marist Spartans.

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